

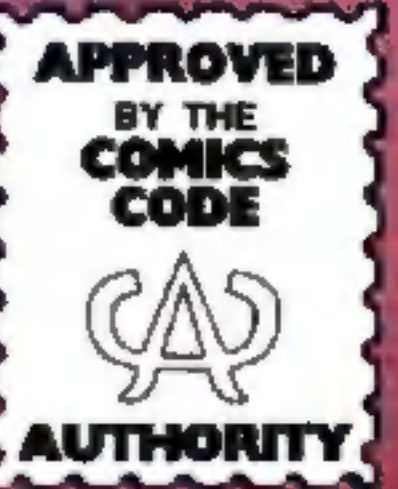
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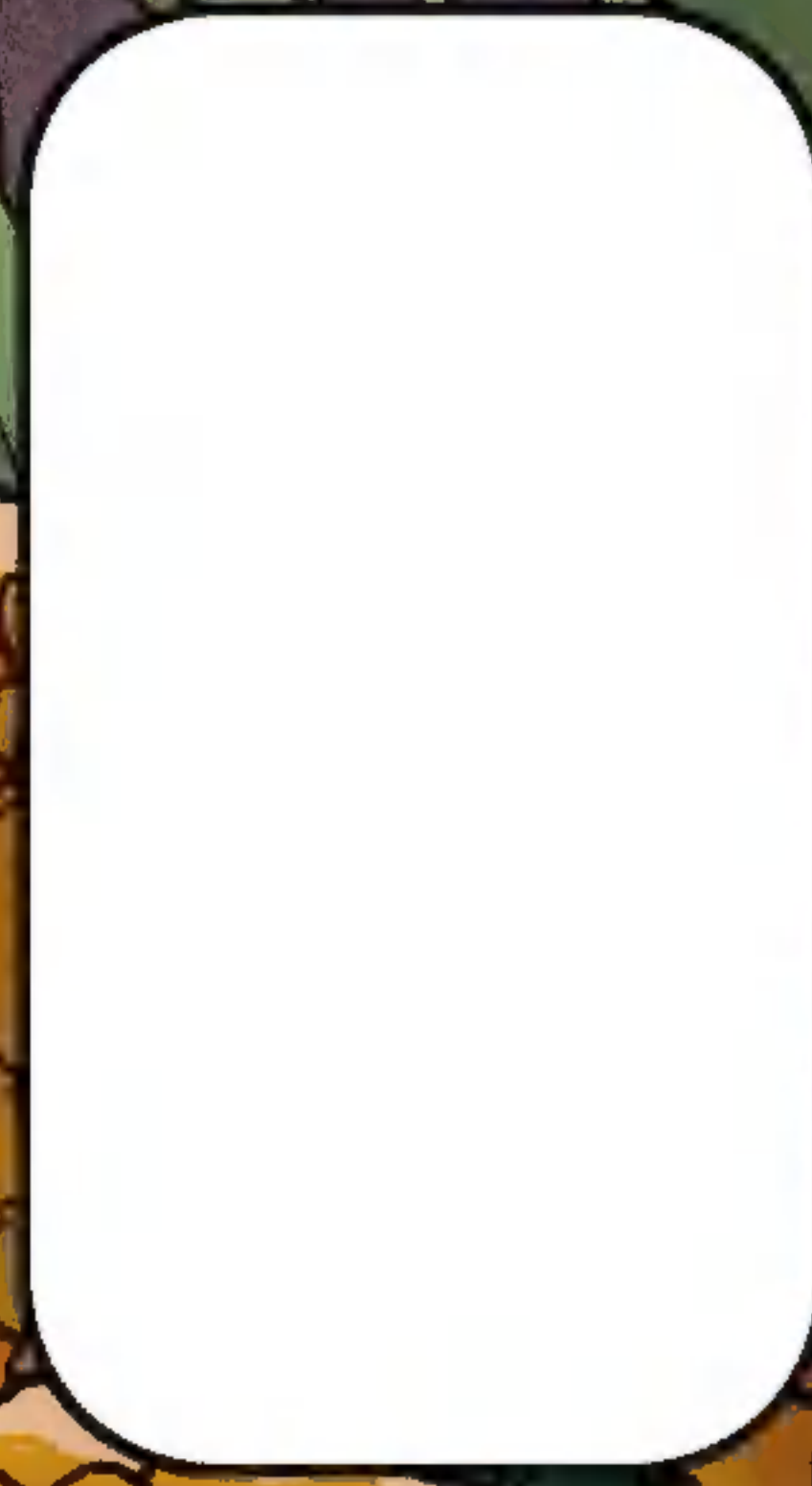


THE HEDGEHOG

--IS BACK
FROM OUTER
SPACE!



DON'T MISS:
Home
Part 1 of 4



HOME

PART 1 OF 4

"THE BLUE BLUR RETURNS!"

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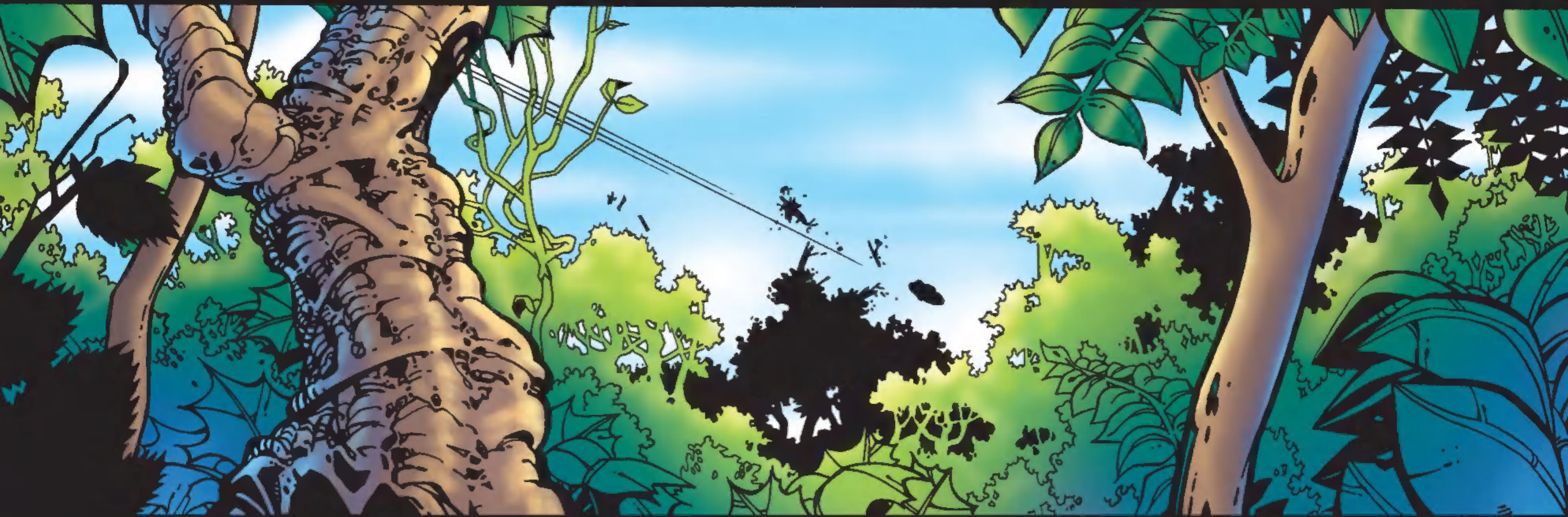
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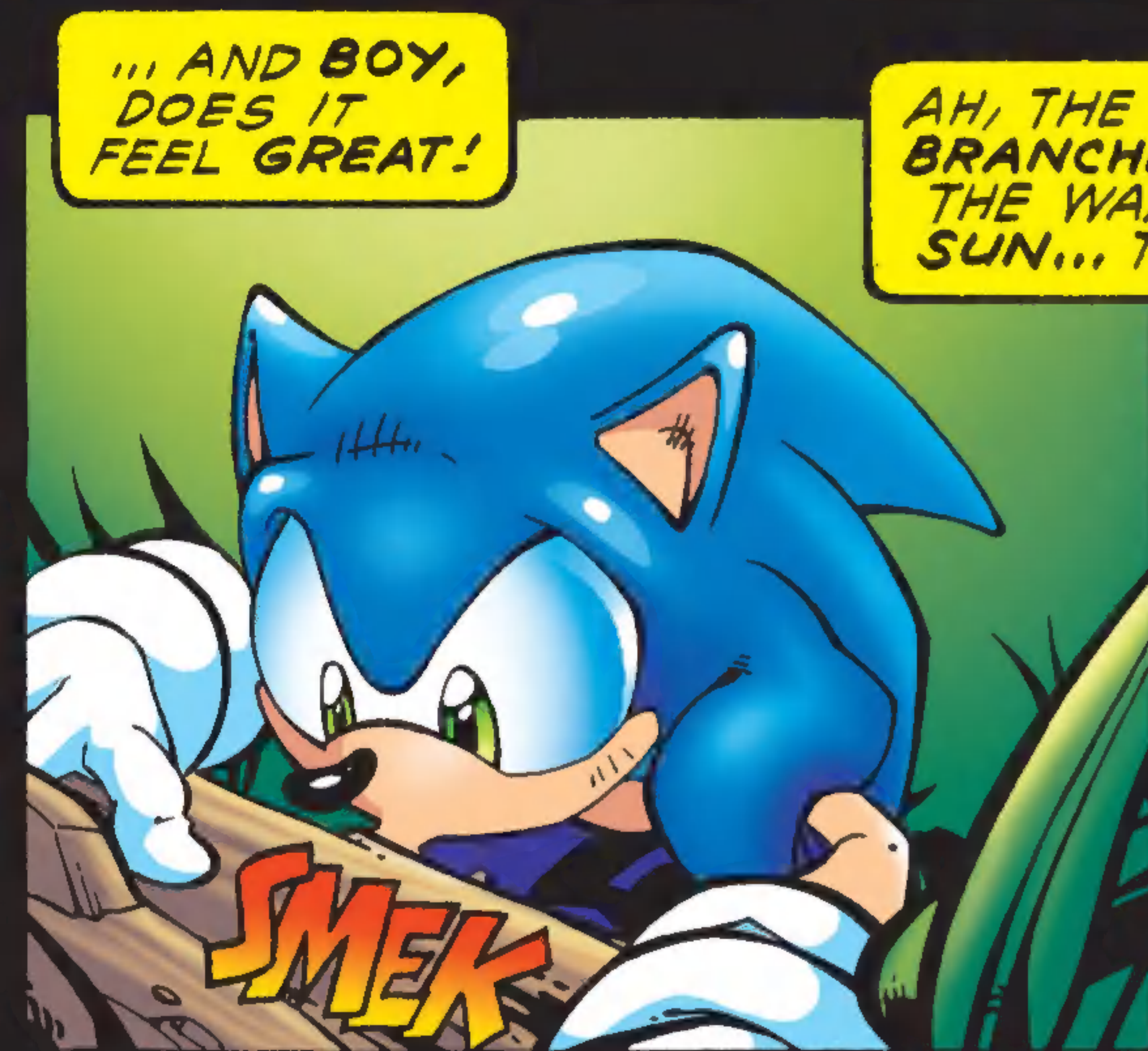
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IT MAY HAVE
TAKEN A WHILE
GETTING HERE...

... BUT I FINALLY
MADE IT BACK
TO MOBIUS
WHERE I
BELONG...



... AND BOY,
DOES IT
FEEL GREAT!

AH, THE GREEN
BRANCHES...
THE WARM
SUN... THE...



... THICK
BLACK
SMOKE?

COMING FROM
JUST BEYOND
THOSE TREES.



I'D BETTER
CHECK IT
OUT.

FAST.

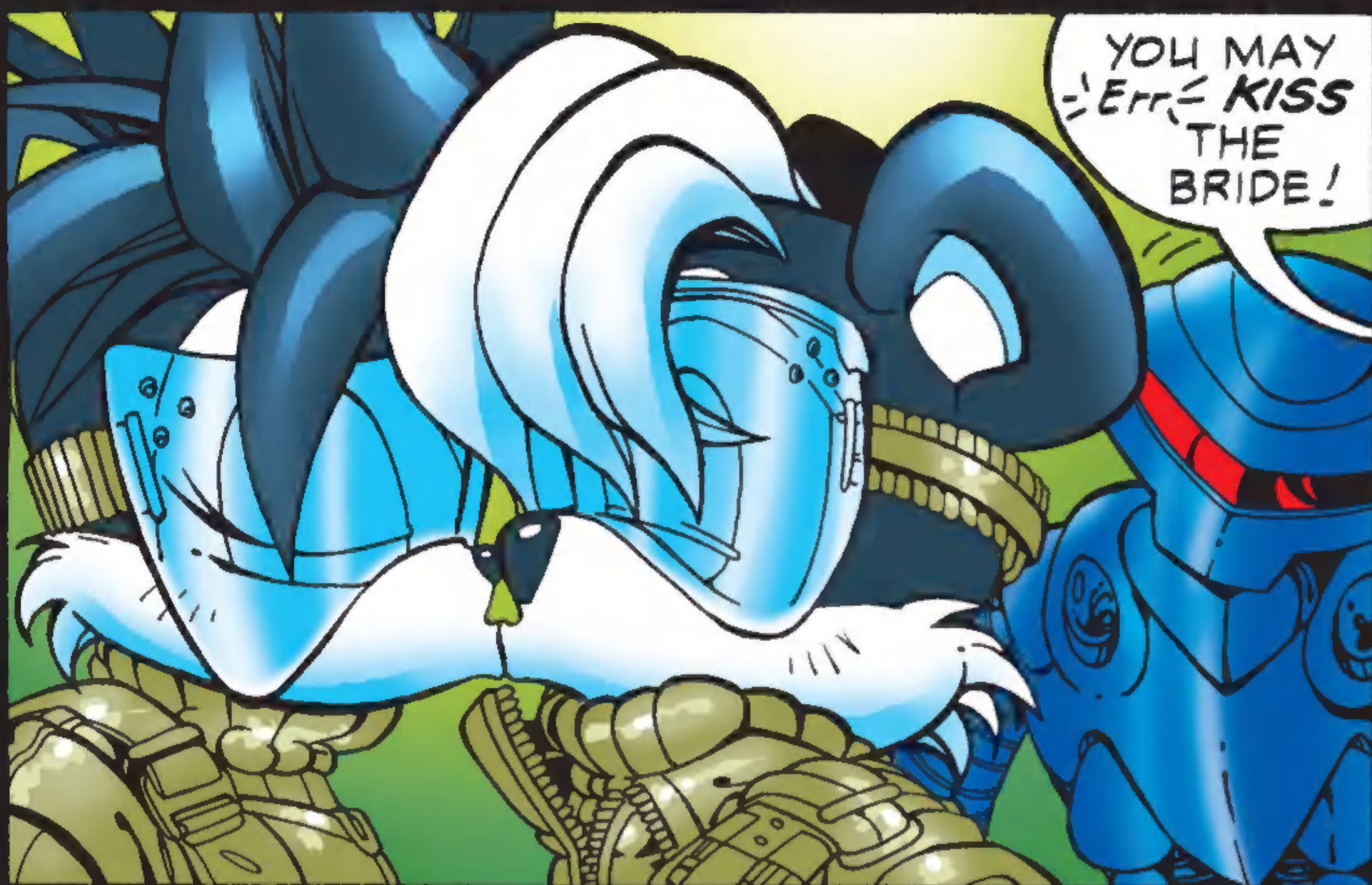


WHAT THE--?!

Uhh, HERSHEY THE CAT...

...AND GEOFFREY ST. JOHN...

...I... I... Uhh, NOW PRO- NOUNCE YOU SKUNK AND :Ulp< WIFE!

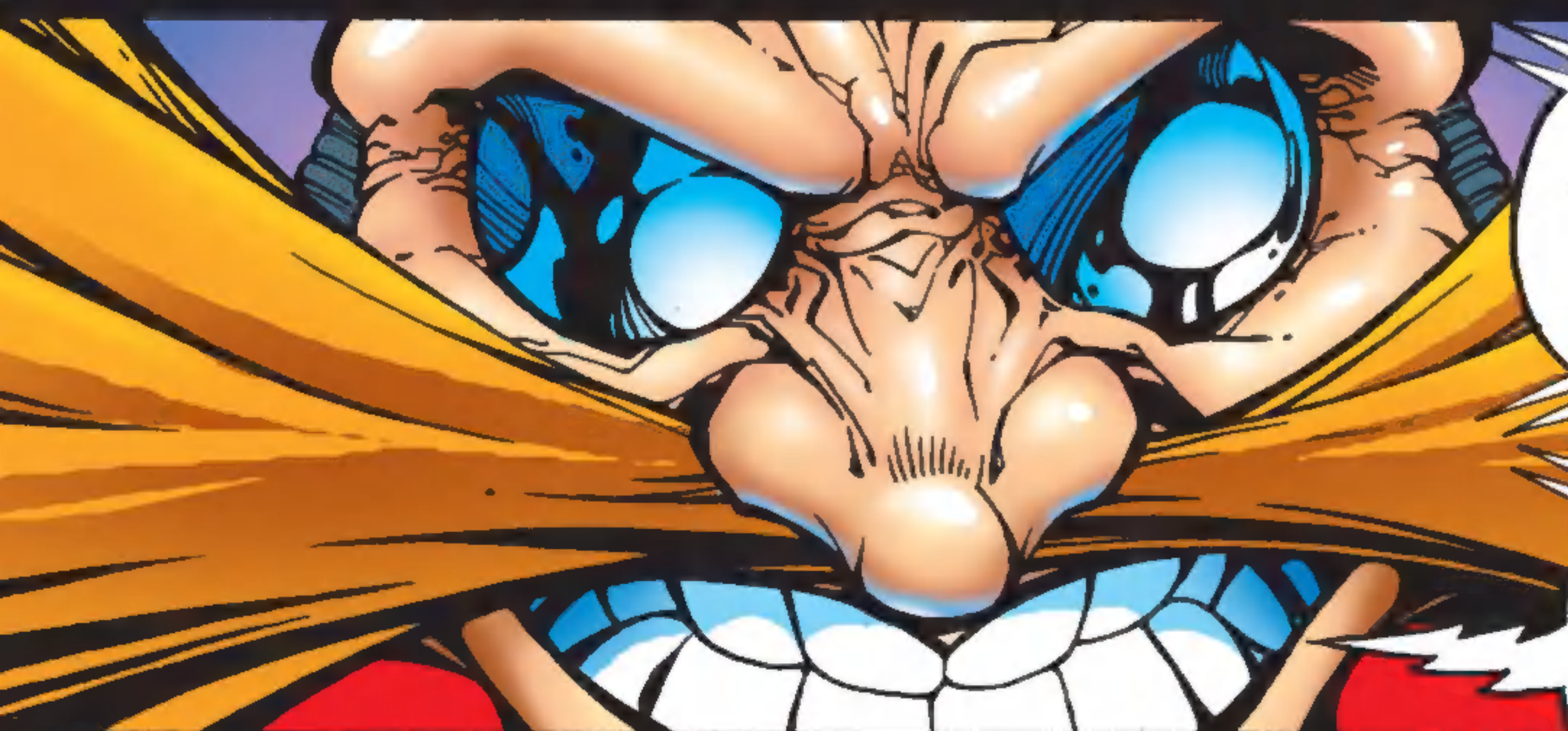


YOU MAY :Err< KISS THE BRIDE!



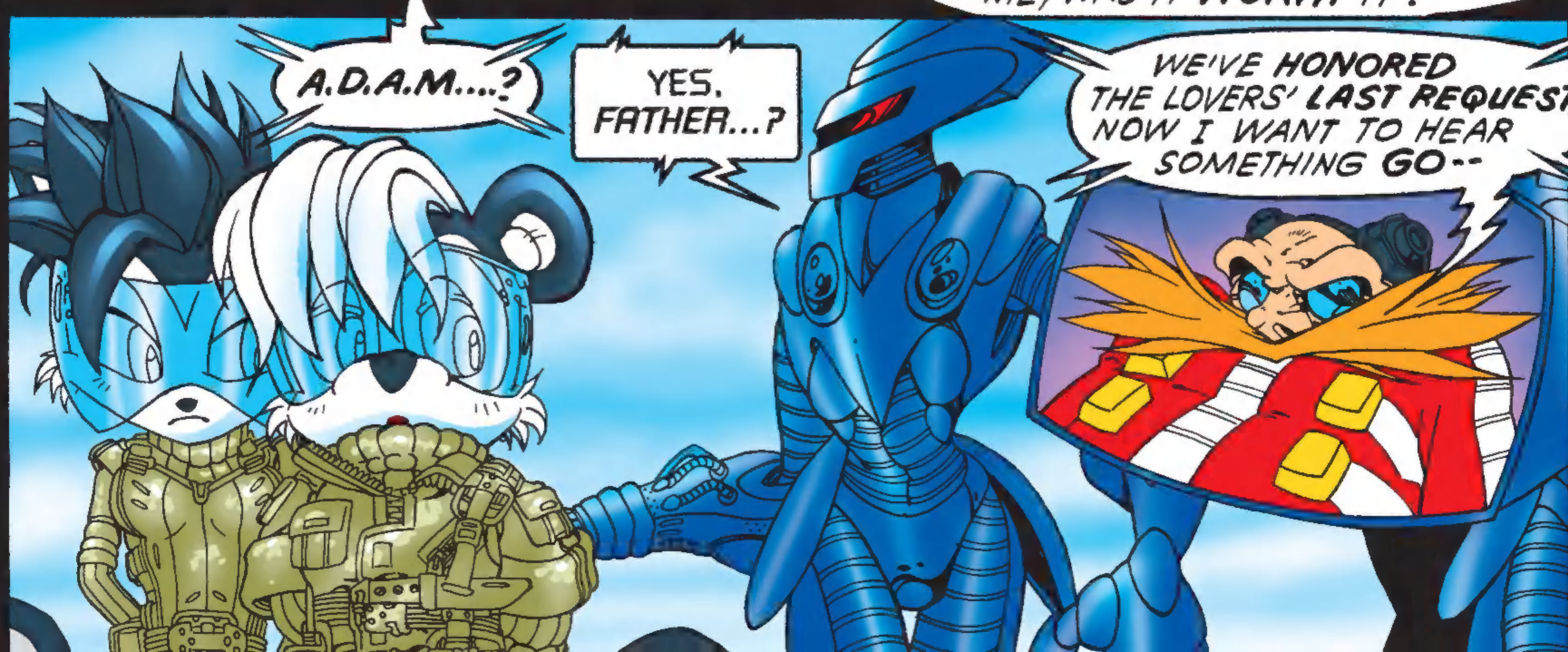
HOW TOUCHING. MAKES ME WANT TO LOSE MY BRUNCH, THOUGH I BET IT'D BE MUCH WORSE LOSING MY LIFE.

BUT THEN, HOW WOULD I KNOW?



I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU TWO CUDDLE-BUNNIES MANAGED TO ESCAPE MY PENITENTIARY, BUT MY SWAT-BOTS TRACKED YOU HERE ANYWAY. HIDING IN ONE OF MY VILLAGES, I'LL ADMIT I WENT A LITTLE OVERBOARD RAZING IT TO THE GROUND IN RETALIATION...

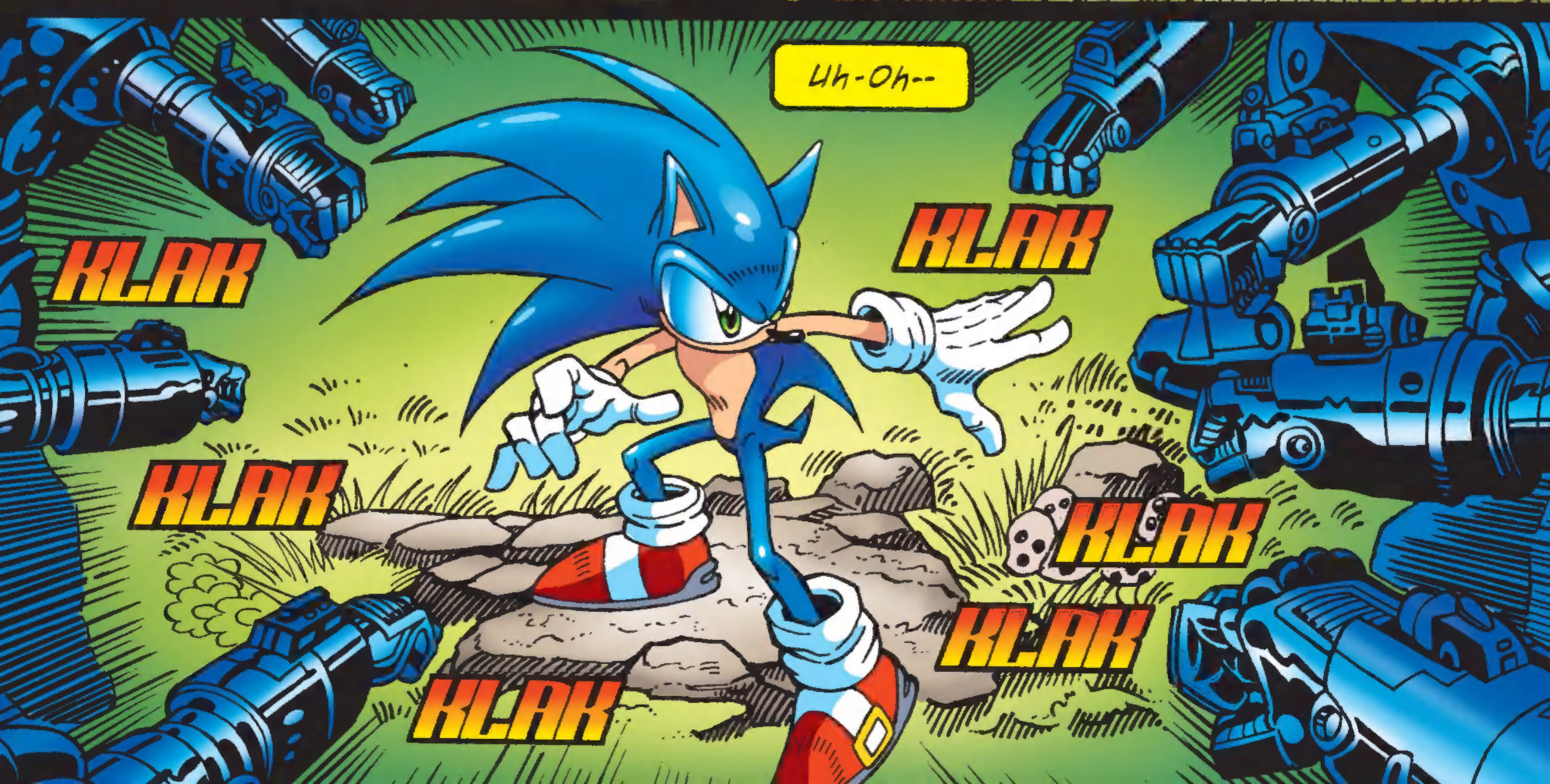
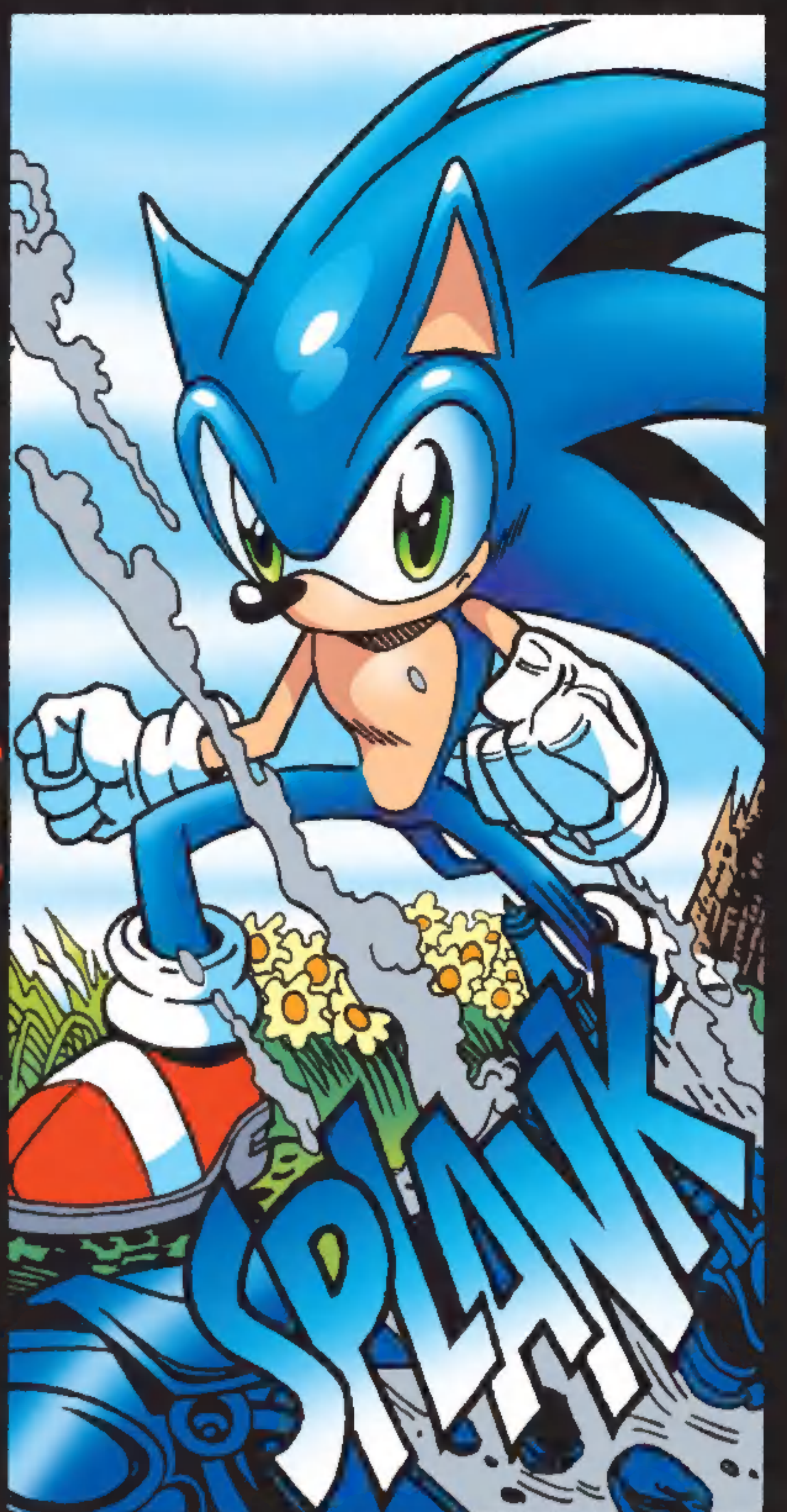
...BUT THAT'S THE PRICE THEY PAY FOR HARBORING SPIES. NOW THEY HAVE TO BE RELOCATED, YOU'LL NEVER GET TO TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU DISCOVERED IN MY ARMS FACTORY, AND MY SECRET IS SAFE. NOW TELL ME, WAS IT WORTH IT?



A.D.A.M....?

YES. FATHER...?

WE'VE HONORED THE LOVERS' LAST REQUEST, NOW I WANT TO HEAR SOMETHING GO--

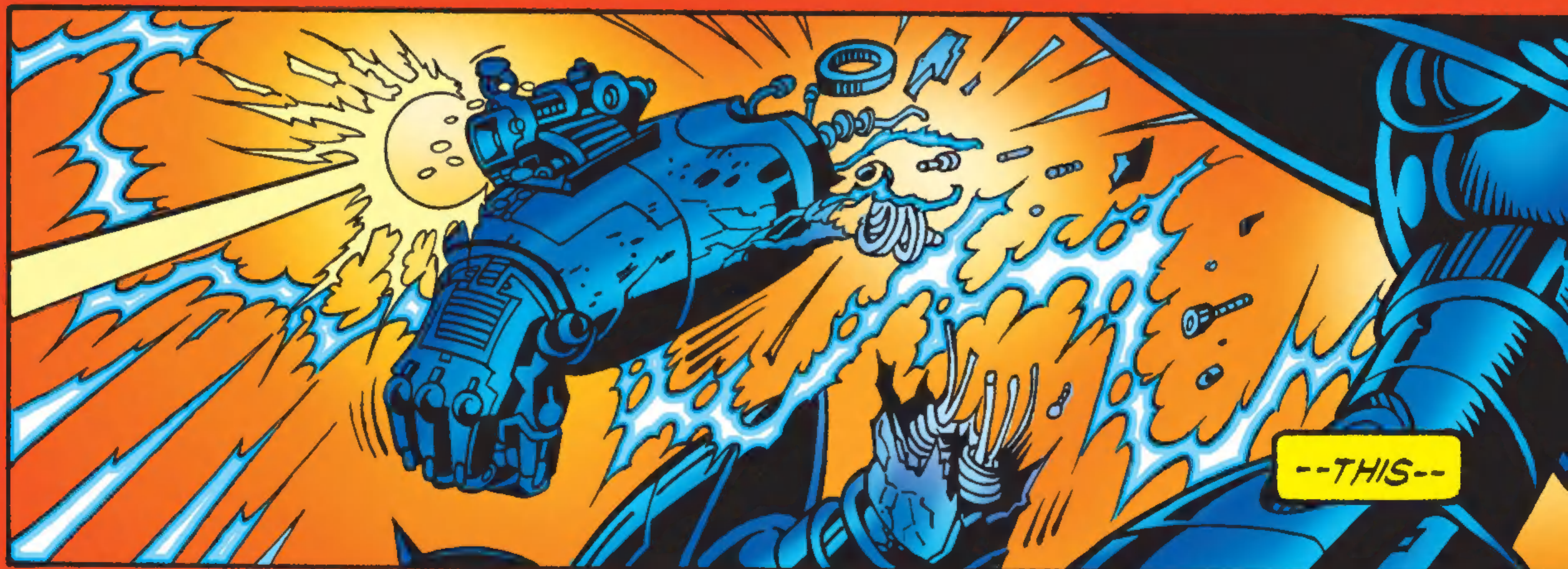




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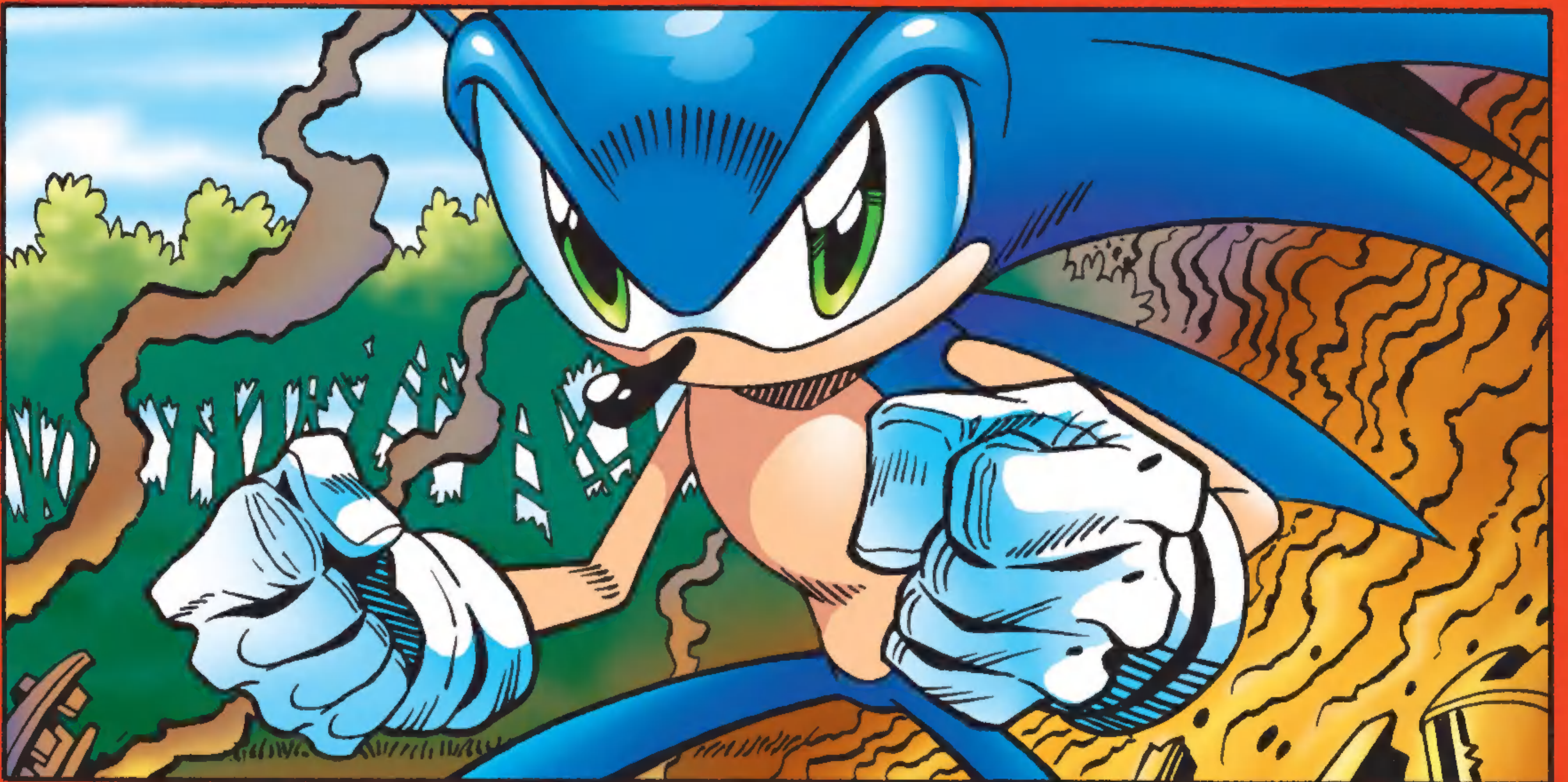
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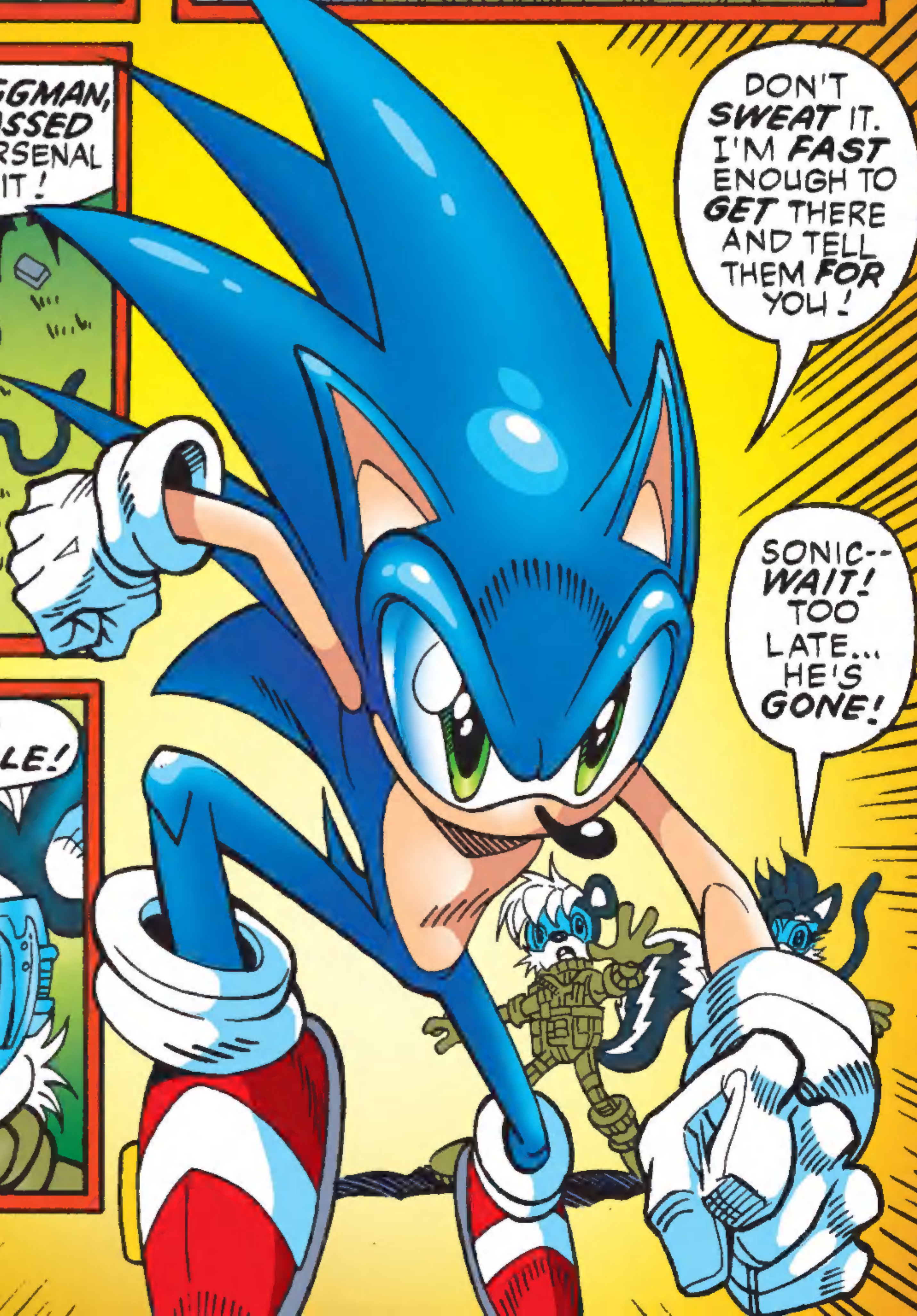
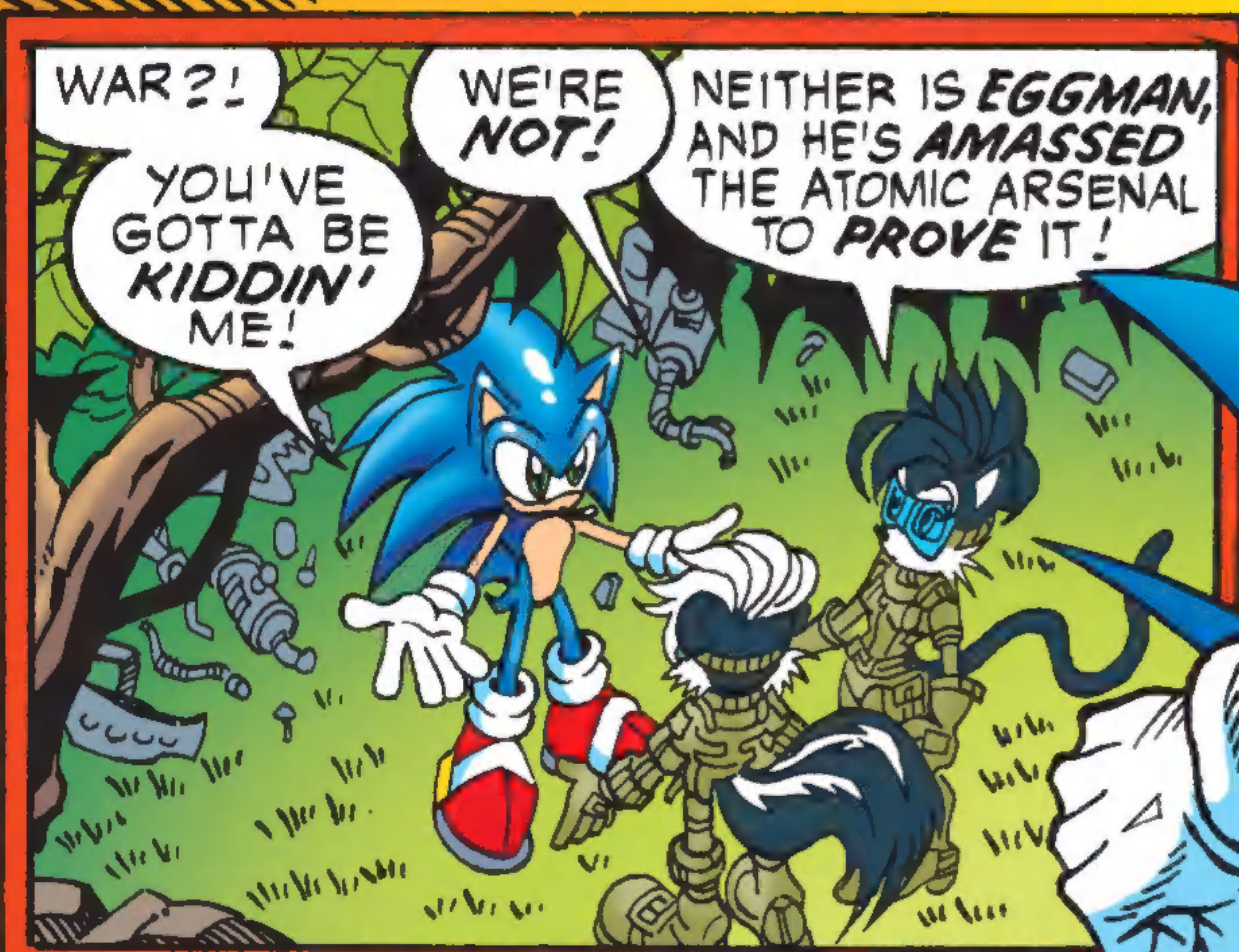
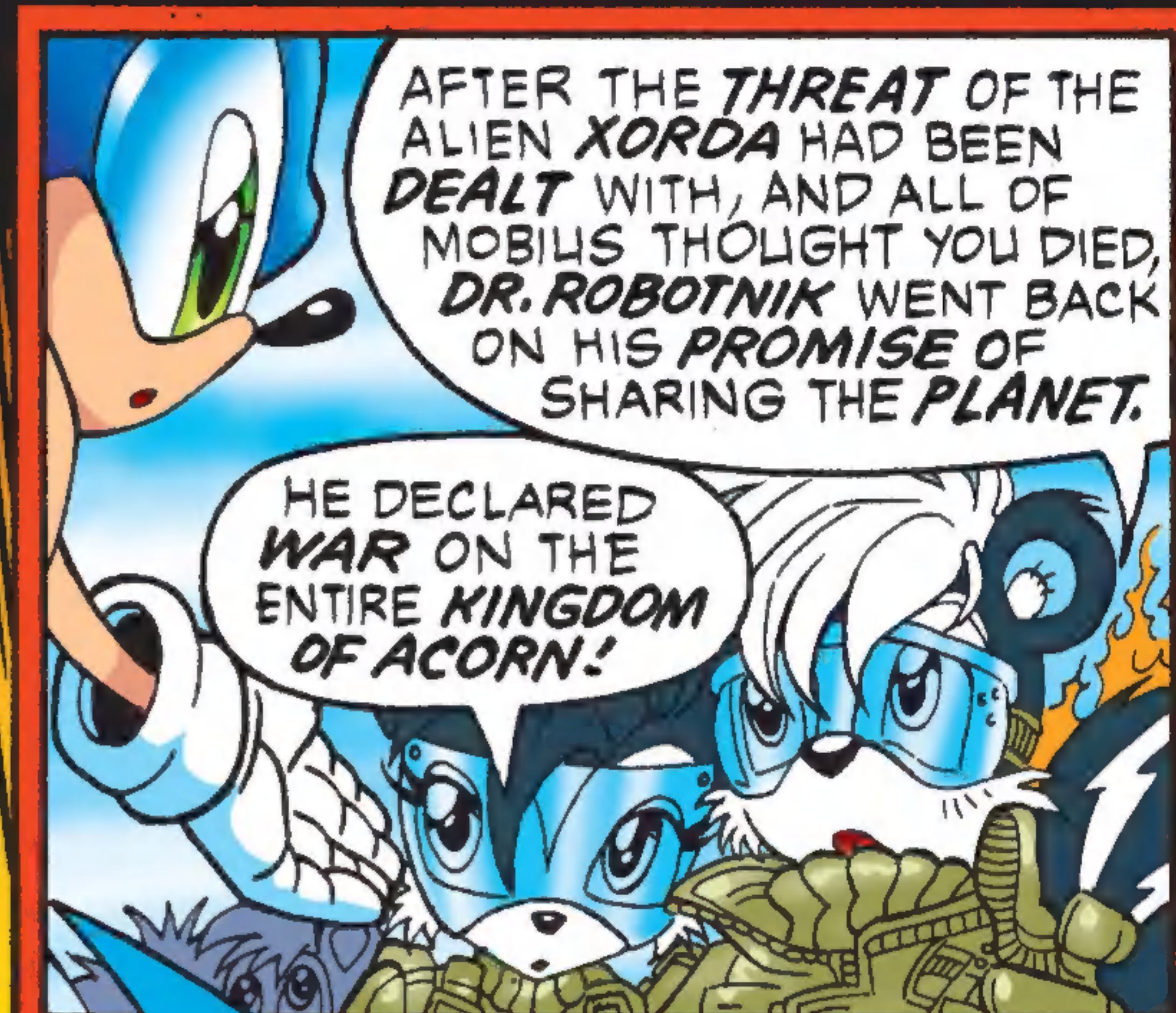
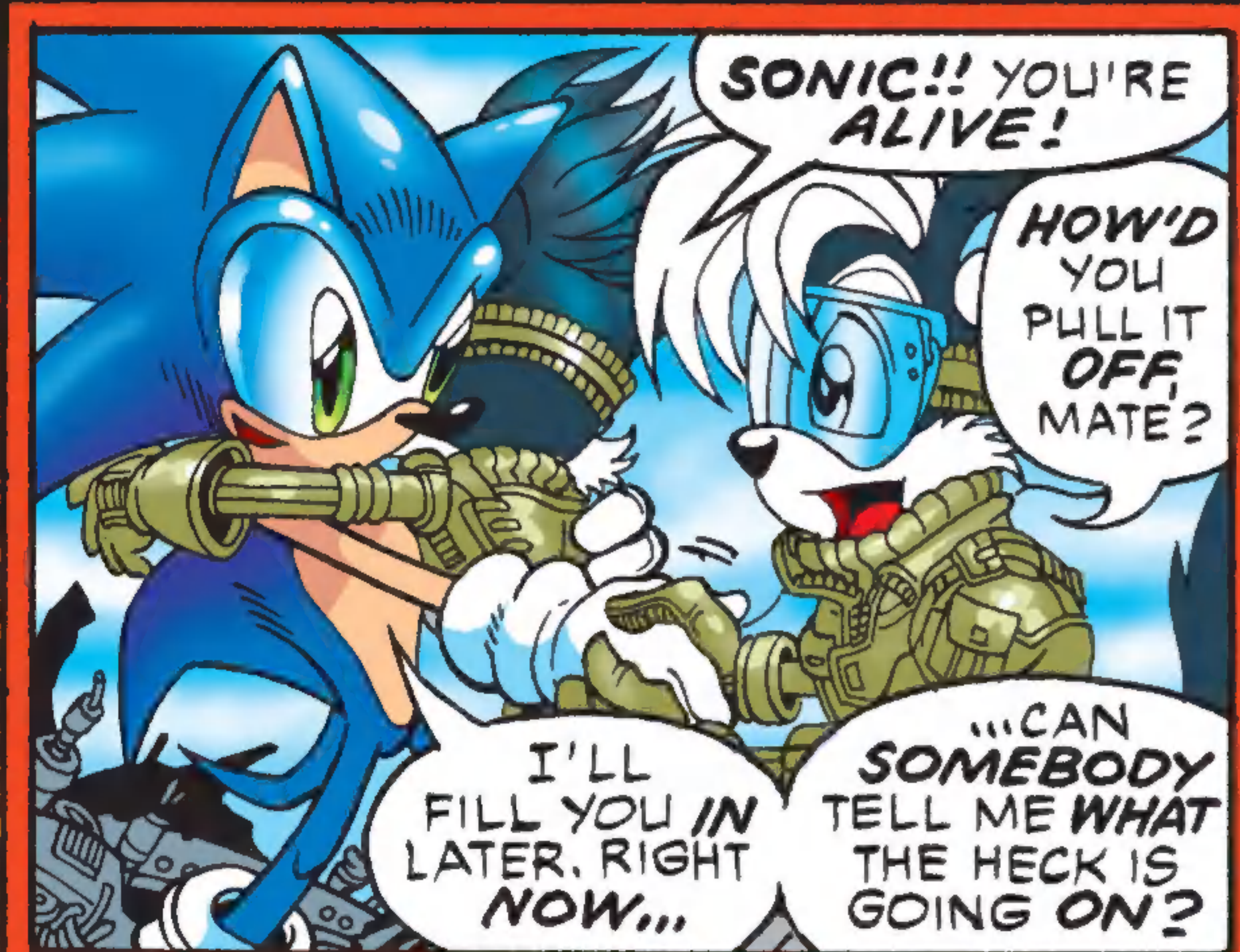


--THIS--



--QUICK!





NEW MEGAOPOLIS— CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

I DON'T GET IT,
M! WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?

WE'VE APPARENTLY
LOST OUR LIVE
VIDEO FEED,
FATHER.

BUT, WHAT
ABOUT ST. JOHN AND
HERSHEY? HAVE THEY
BEEN EFFECTIVELY
RUBBED OUT?

A.D.A.M.--
YOU CONTROL
ALL OF MY
SWAT-BOT
UNITS!
I NEED
ANSWERS!

THE ENTIRE
PHALANX
HAS BEEN
DESTROYED,
FATHER.

THIS WAS
THE **LAST**
RECORDED
IMAGE.

OH, *ME.* DEEP
BREATHS.

OH, *MY.* REMAIN
CALM.

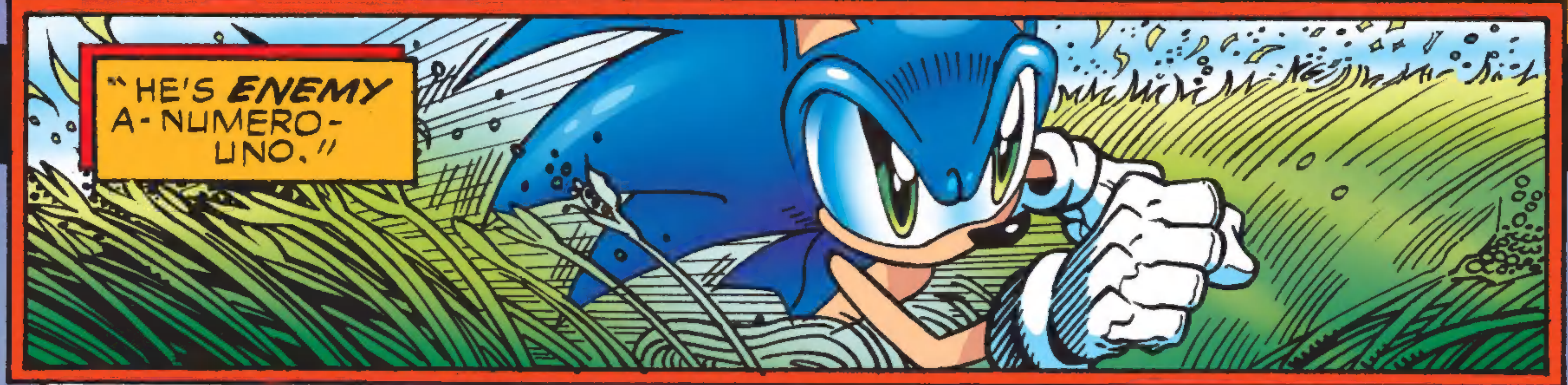
OH, *DEAR.*
NOT REALLY
WORKING.

GAAAAAAH!



FATHER...? WHO *IS* THAT BLUE HEDGEHOG?

HIS *NAME* IS SONIC, M.



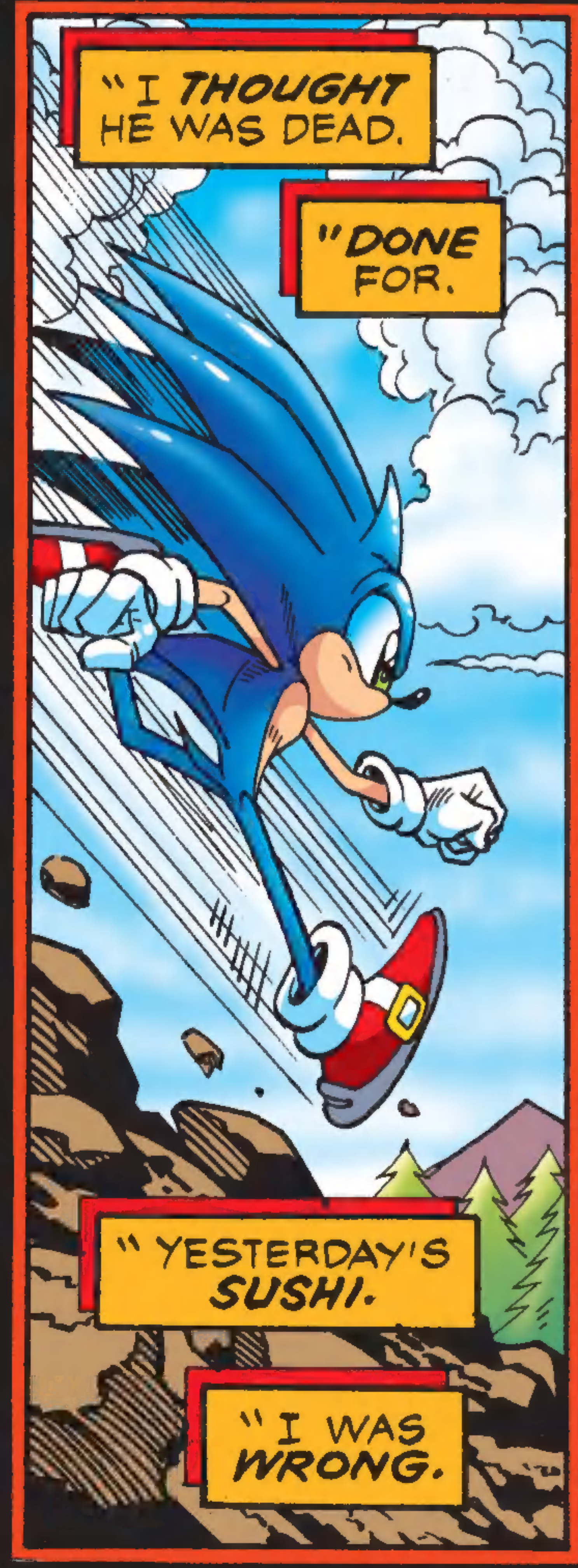
"HE'S *ENEMY* A-NUMERO-UNO."

A *THORN* IN MY SIDE WHO'S HALTED EVERY STEP I'VE *EVER* MADE TOWARD GLOBAL DOMINATION.



WHY ARE THERE NO EXISTING *FILES* ON HIM?

WHY, I *DELETED* THEM!



"I *THOUGHT* HE WAS DEAD.

"*DONE* FOR.

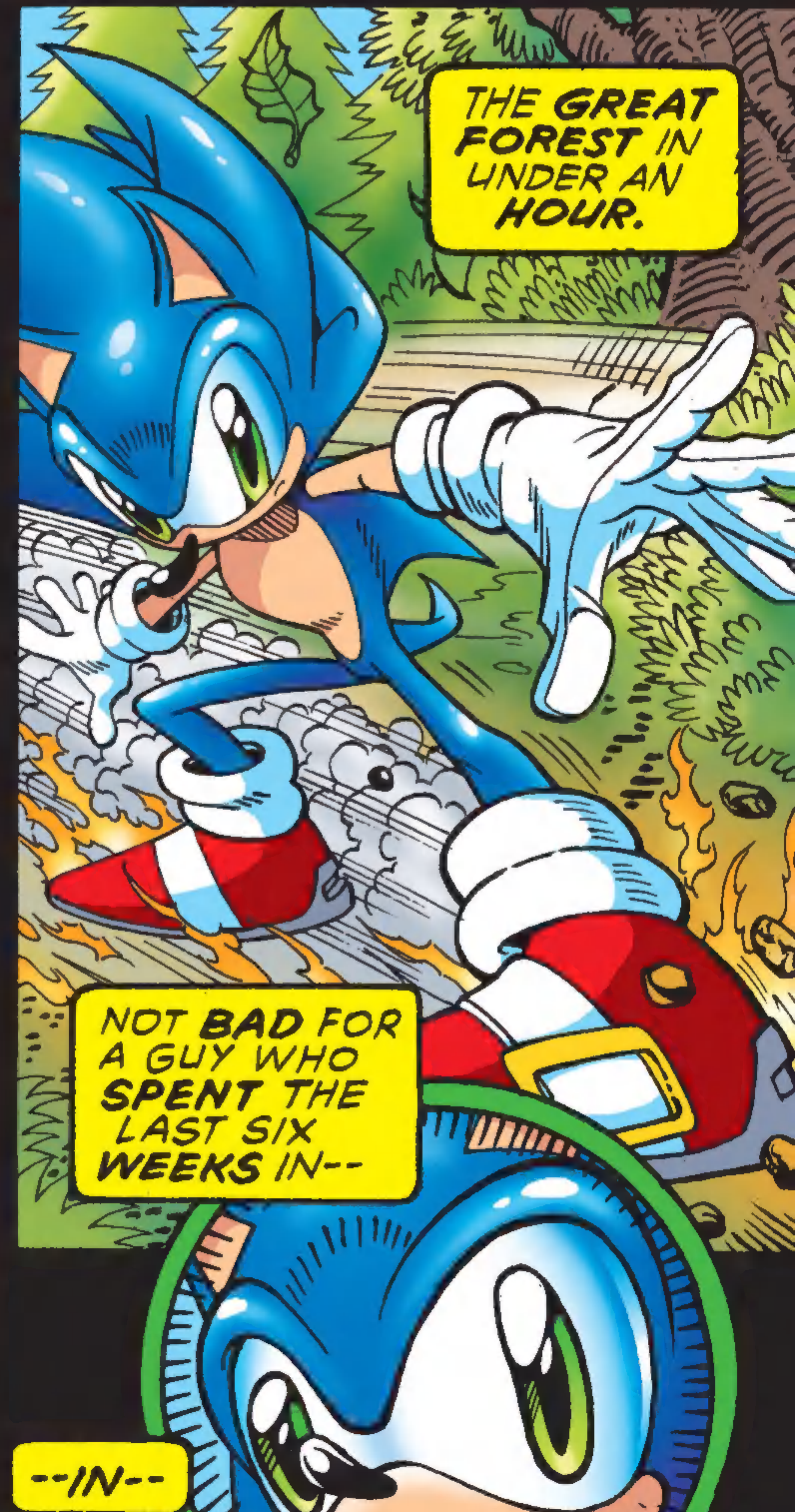
"YESTERDAY'S *SUSHI*.

"I WAS *WRONG*.



"I *HATE* BEING WRONG...

"...BUT MAKE NO *MISTAKE*, M. I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG EVEN *MORE!*"



THE *GREAT FOREST* IN UNDER AN *HOUR*.

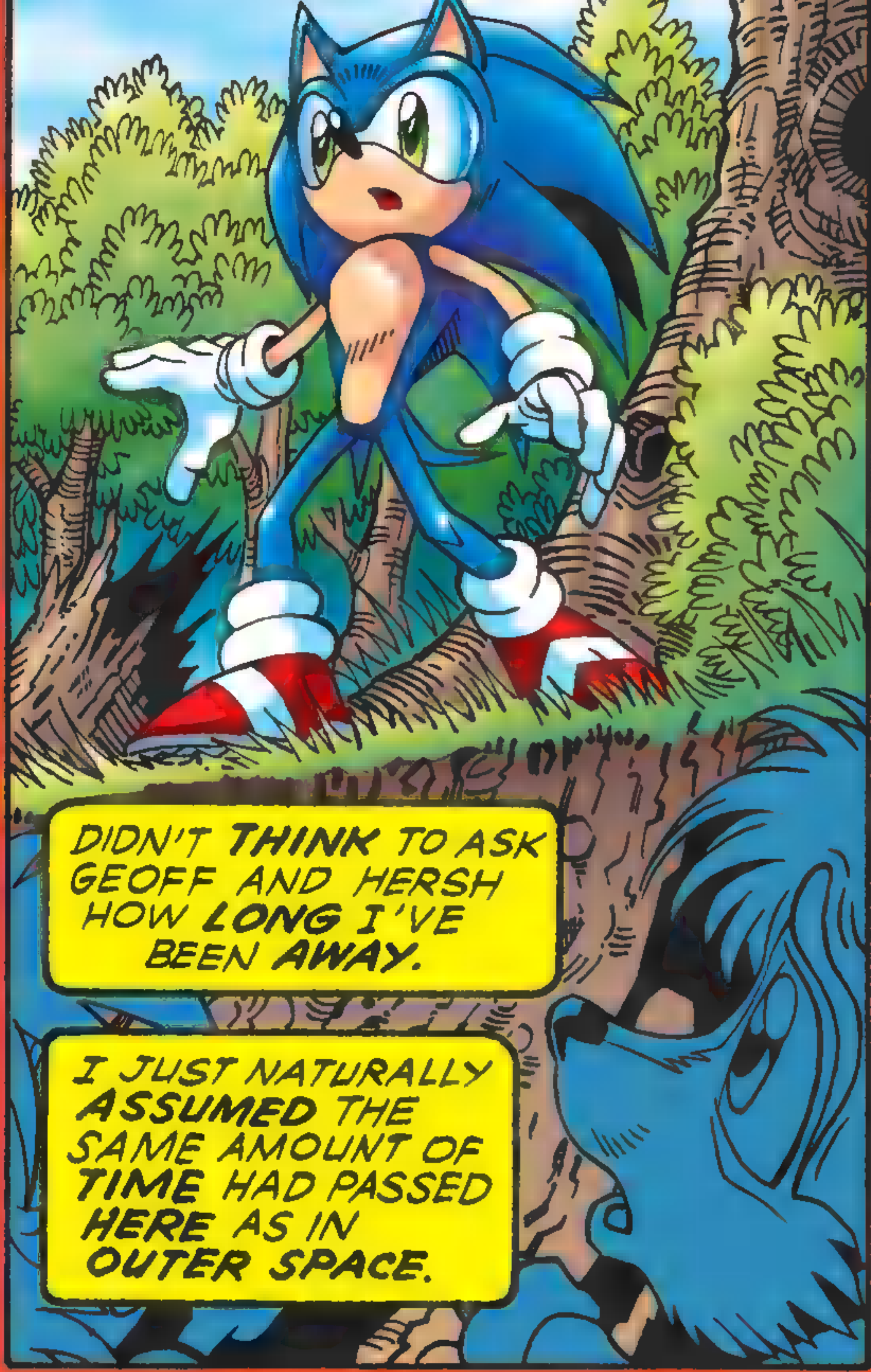
NOT *BAD* FOR A GUY WHO *SPENT* THE LAST SIX *WEEKS* IN--

--IN--



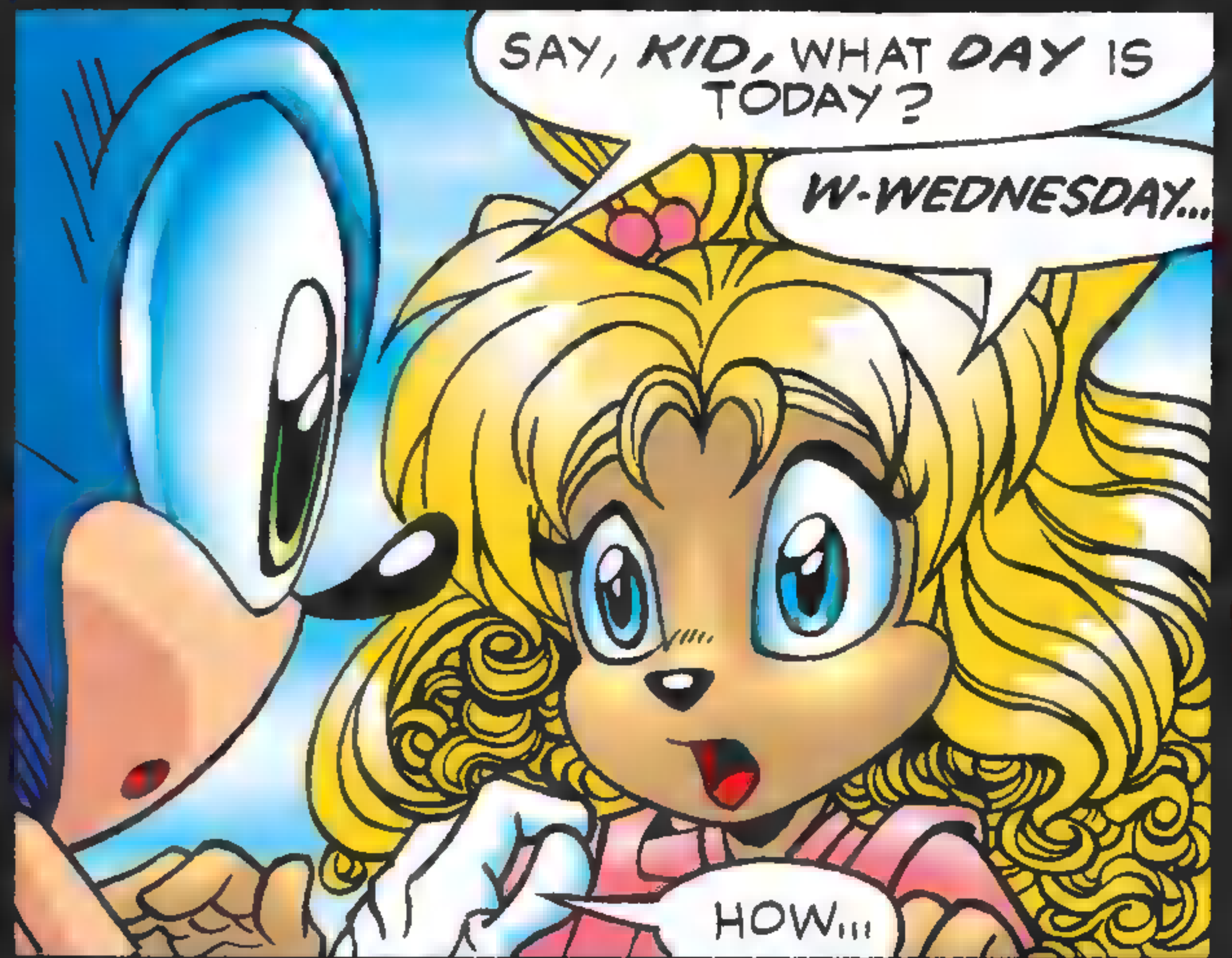
KNOTHOLE?!

IT'S--
--WAY
DIFFERENT!



DIDN'T THINK TO ASK
GEOFF AND HERSH
HOW LONG I'VE
BEEN AWAY.

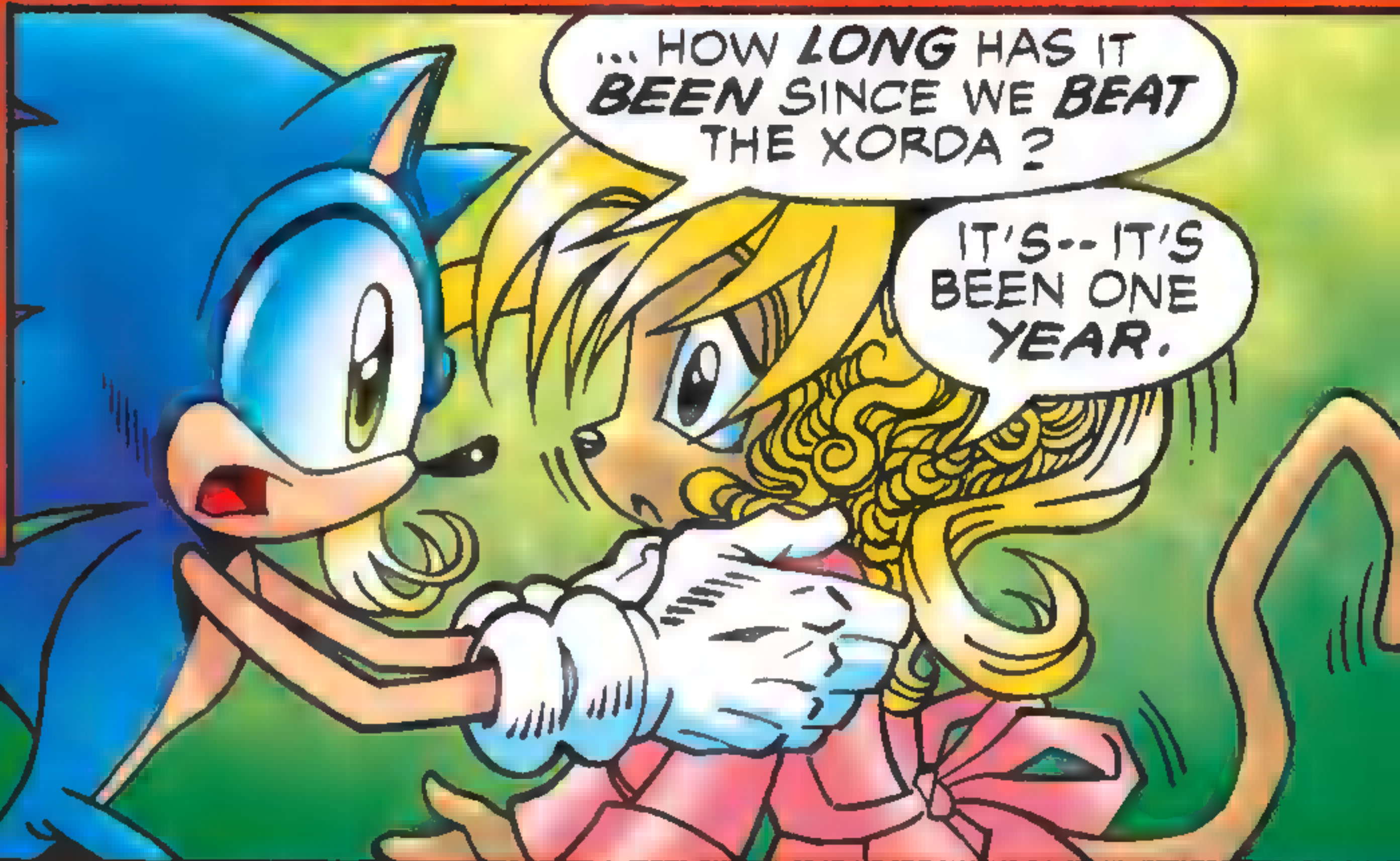
I JUST NATURALLY
ASSUMED THE
SAME AMOUNT OF
TIME HAD PASSED
HERE AS IN
OUTER SPACE.



SAY, KID, WHAT DAY IS
TODAY?

W-WEDNESDAY...

HOW...



... HOW LONG HAS IT
BEEN SINCE WE BEAT
THE XORDA?

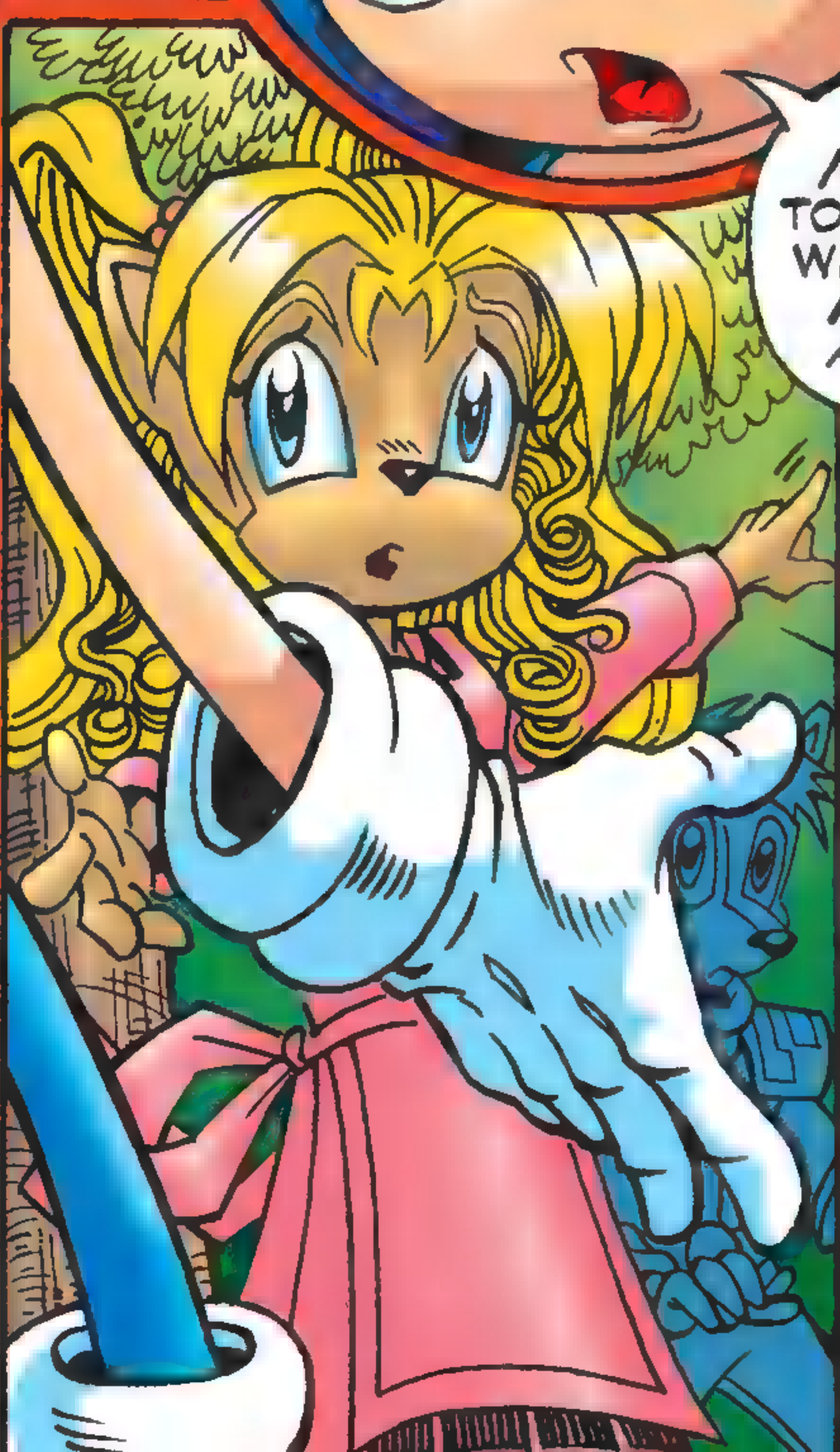
IT'S-- IT'S
BEEN ONE
YEAR.

ONE... YEAR?

BUT
HOW...?



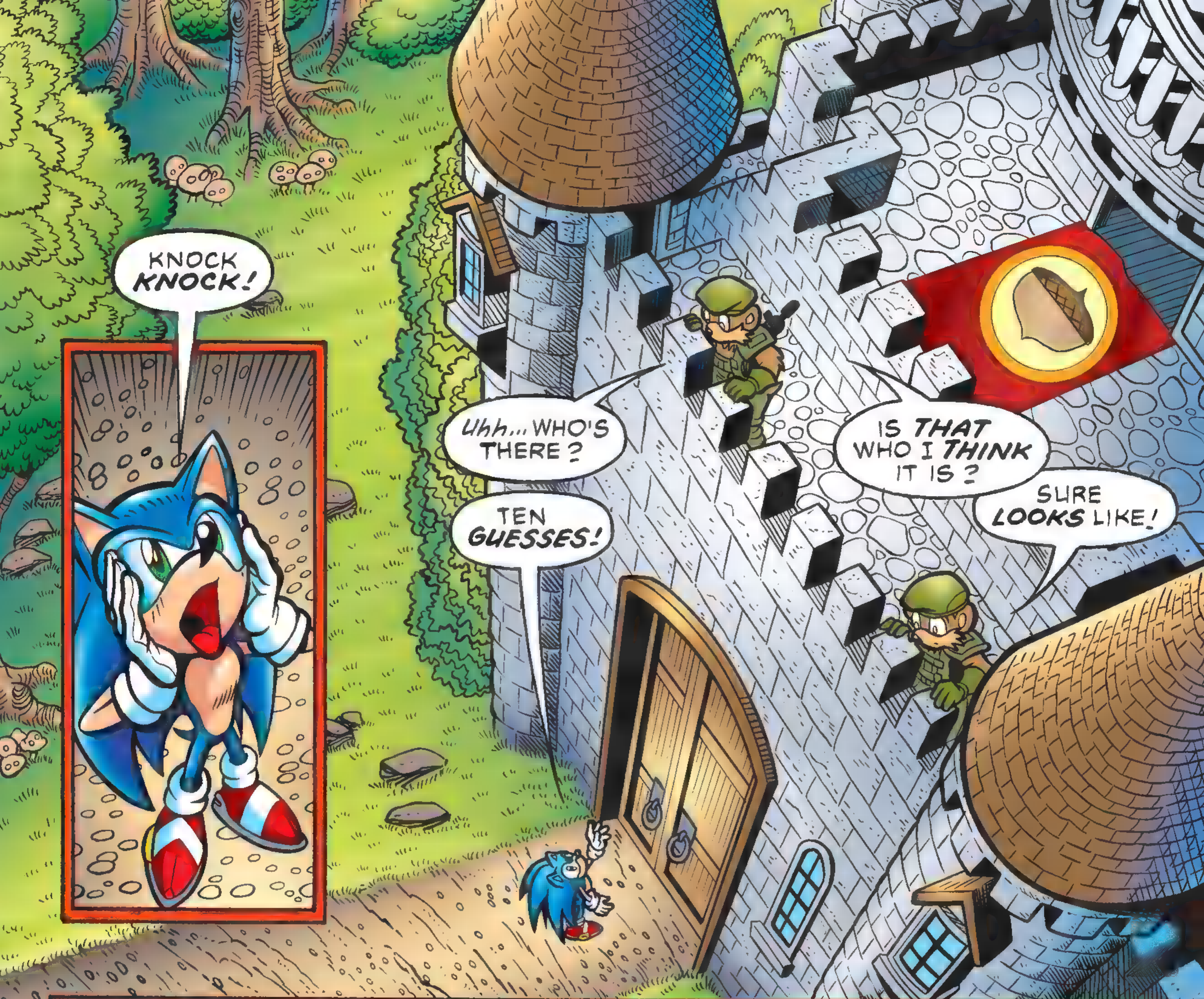
I
NEED
TO SPEAK
WITH THE
KING
ASAP.



CASTLE
ACORN'S
THAT
WAY!

THANKS,
KID.





KNOCK KNOCK!

Uhh... WHO'S THERE?

TEN GUESSES!

IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?

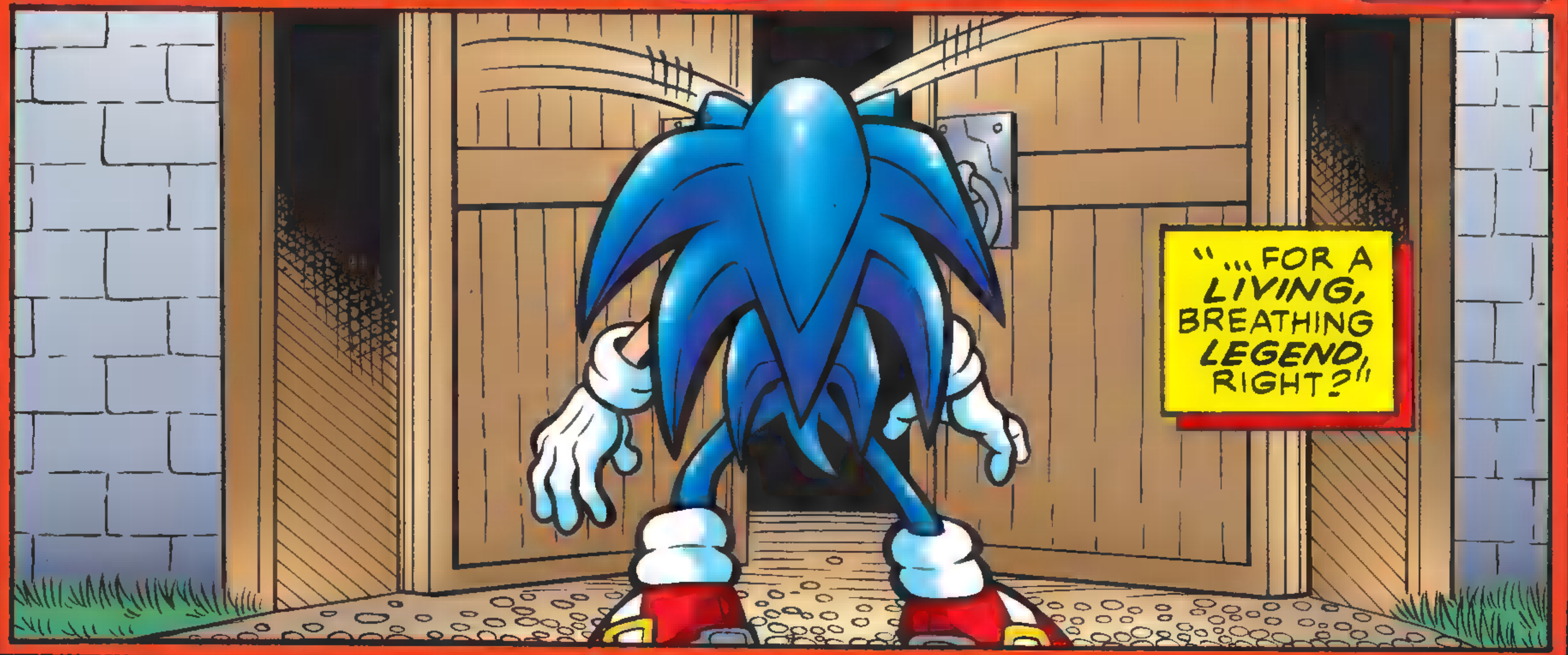
SURE LOOKS LIKE!



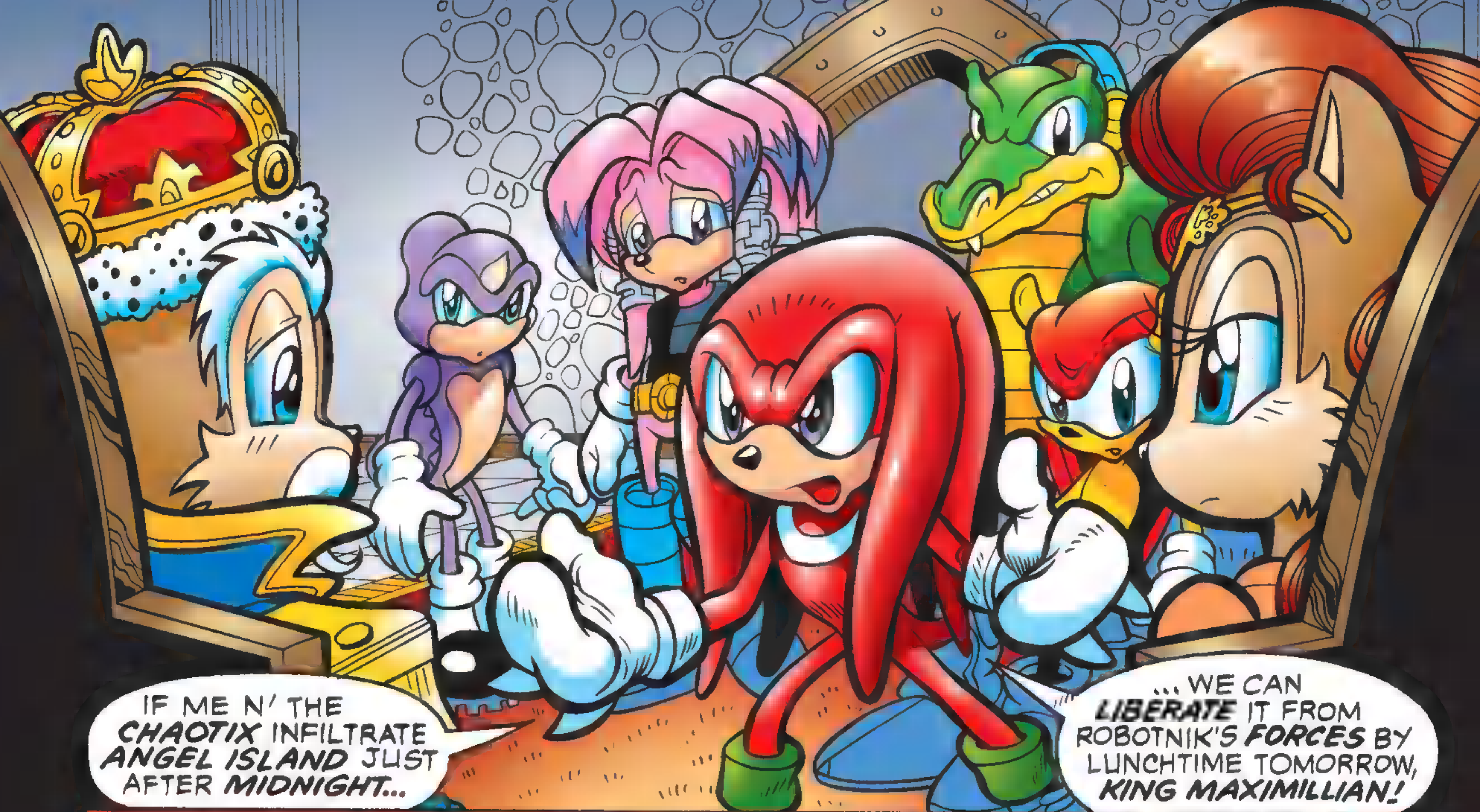
BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

SHOULD WE LET HIM IN?

I SUPPOSE IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO...



"...FOR A LIVING, BREATHING LEGEND, RIGHT?"



IF ME N' THE
CHAOTIX INFILTRATE
ANGEL ISLAND JUST
AFTER MIDNIGHT...

... WE CAN
LIBERATE IT FROM
ROBOTNIK'S FORCES BY
LUNCHTIME TOMORROW,
KING MAXIMILLIAN!



I'M SORRY, KNUCKLES,
BUT WE HAVE TO DENY
YOUR REQUEST AT THIS
TIME. KNOTHOLE CITY
REQUIRES YOUR PRESENCE
A BIT LONGER.

I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH QUEEN
ALICIA, LAD. WE KNOW THAT
ROBOTNIK'S HATCHING A NEW
PLAN UP NORTH IN NEW
MEGAOPOLIS...

WE JUST DON'T
KNOW WHAT IT
IS.

OH,
YES WE
DO.

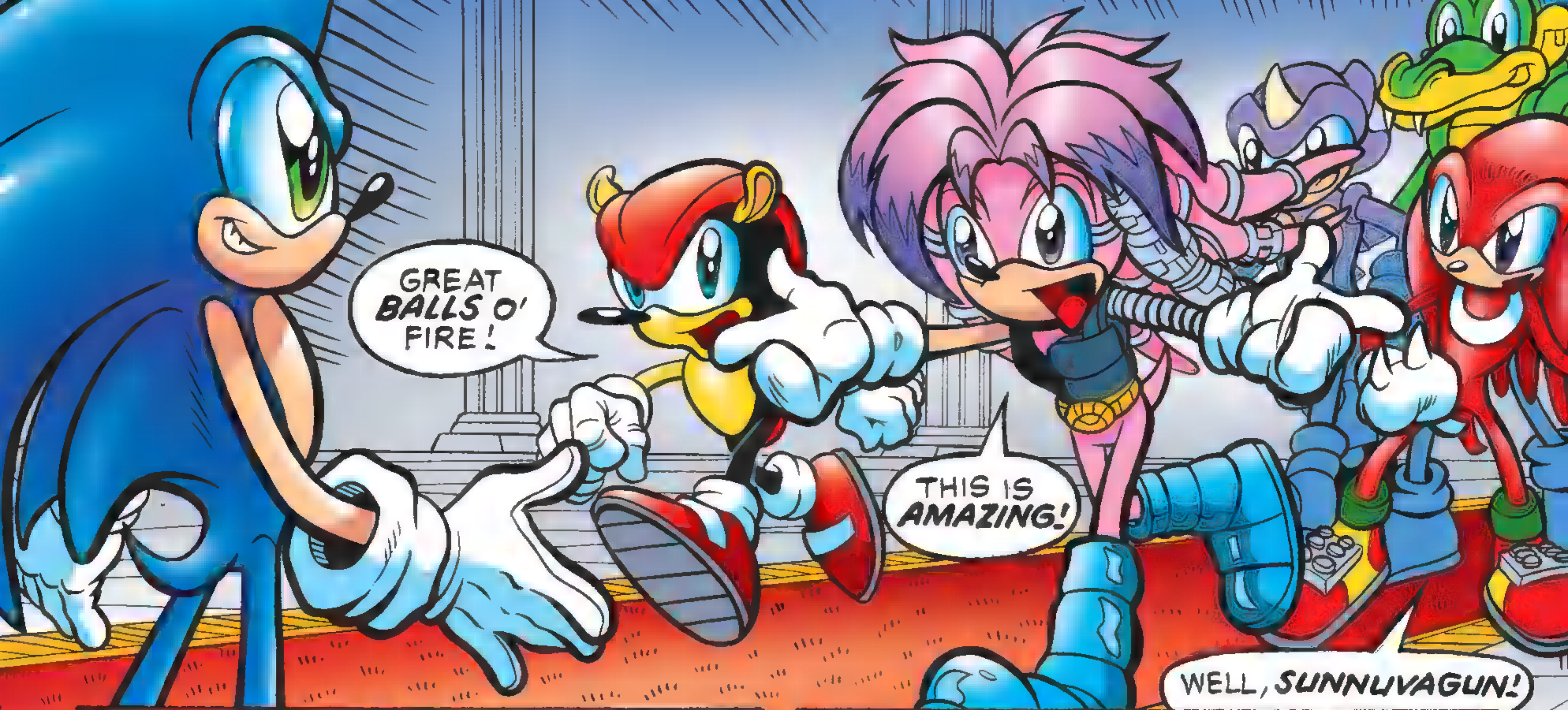


KNUCKLES--
IT'S-- IT'S--

SONIC
THE HEDGE-
HOG, JULIE-
SH.

SWEET MOTHER
OF MOBIUS, IT'S
SONIC THE HEDGE-
HOG.

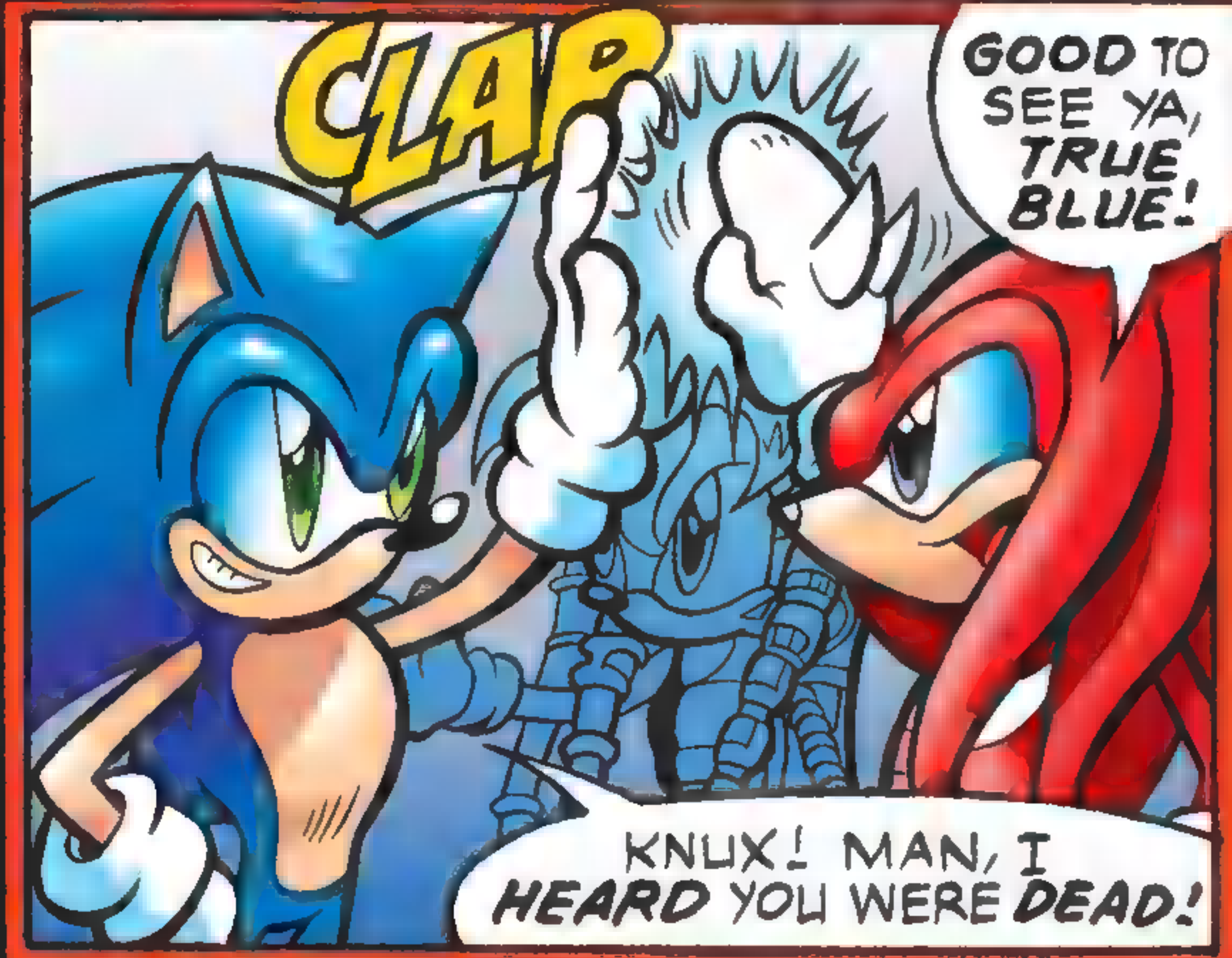
S'UP?



GREAT BALLS O' FIRE!

THIS IS AMAZING!

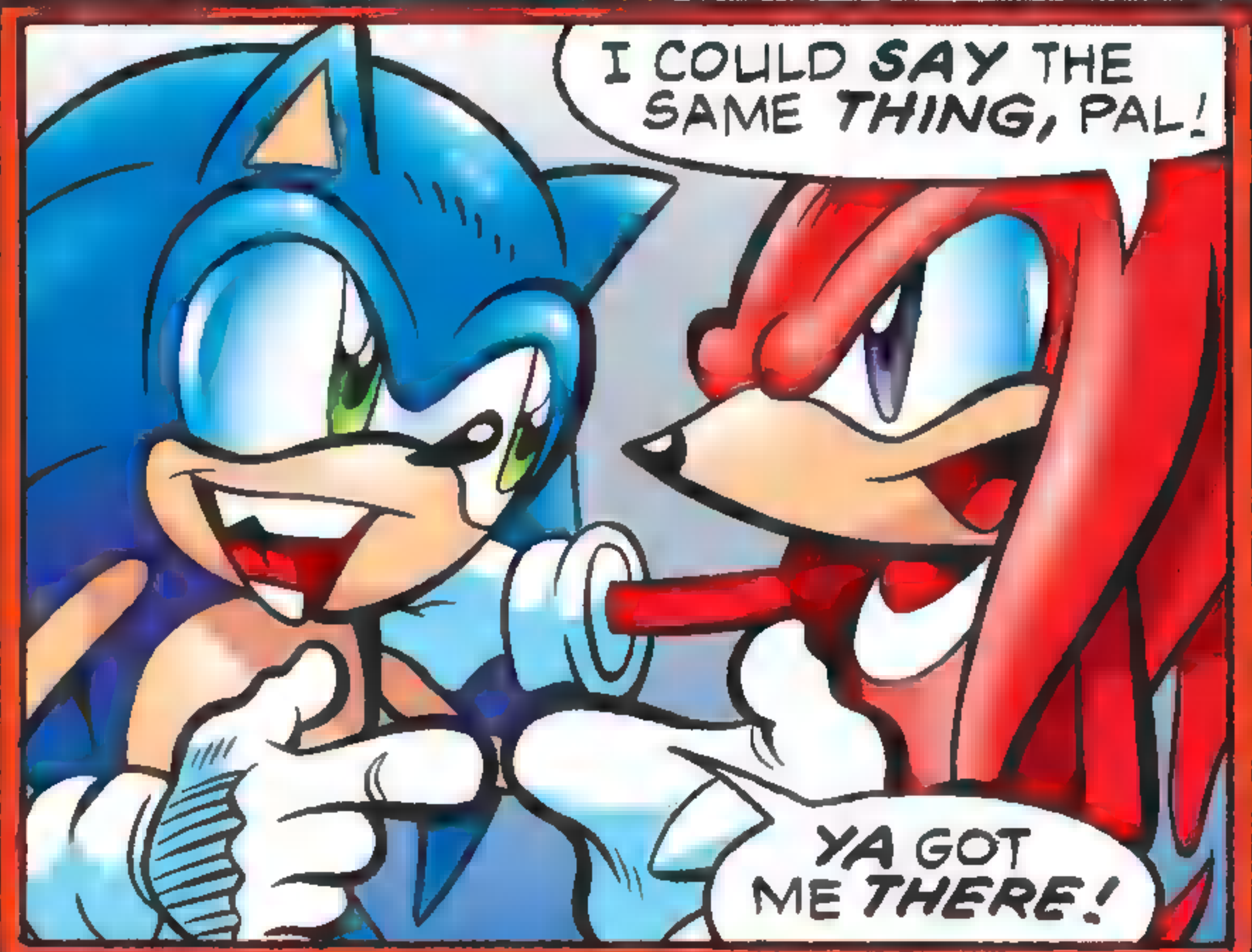
WELL, SUNNIVAGUN!



CLAP

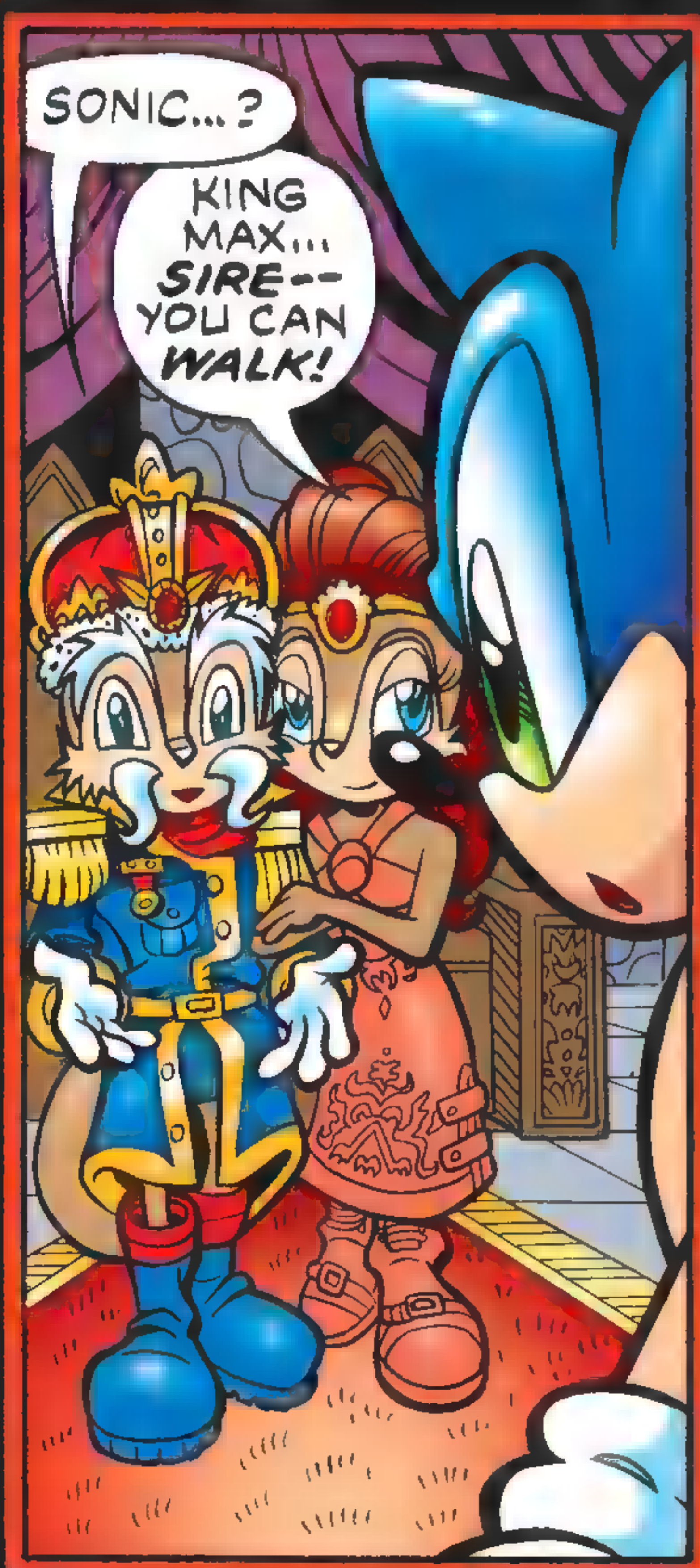
GOOD TO SEE YA, TRUE BLUE!

KNUX! MAN, I HEARD YOU WERE DEAD!



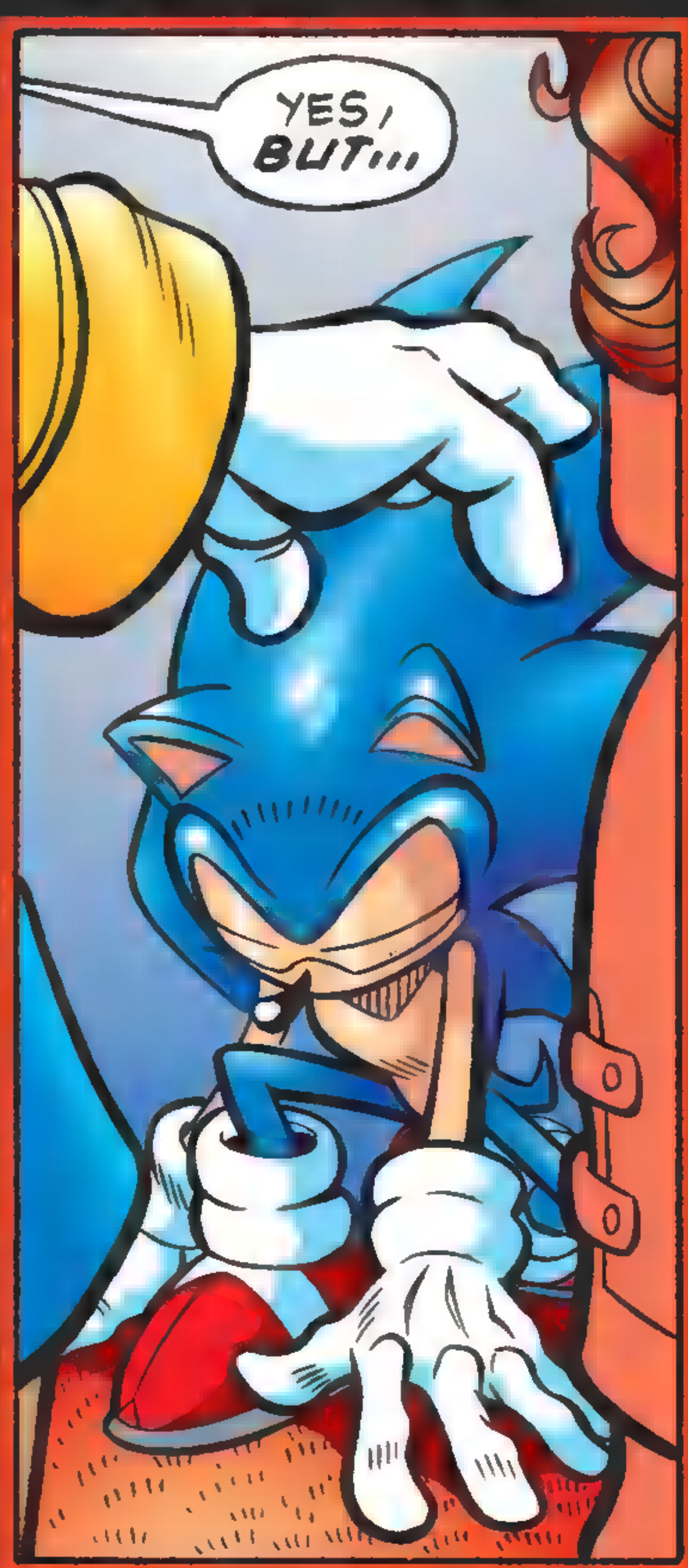
I COULD SAY THE SAME THING, PAL!

YA GOT ME THERE!



SONIC...?

KING MAX... SIRE-- YOU CAN WALK!



YES, BUT...



...HOW DID YOU MAKE IT, MY BOY?

I'M NOT SURE. IT'S A TRIPPED-OUT STORY, BUT I'M HOME SAFE AND READY TO SERVE MY KINGDOM!

WHAT DID YOU MEAN ABOUT ROBOTNIK?

ATOMICS.



THAT **MANIAC** COULD HAVE AS **LITTLE** AS TWO OR AS **MANY** AS TWO HUNDRED **RIGHT** AT HIS **FINGERTIPS**.

IT'S **STILL** TOO **EARLY** TO **TELL**.

GEEZ.

I **FEARED** IT WOULD **COME** TO **THIS**.

SONIC?! IS IT **REALLY** YOU?! I THOUGHT THE **GUARDS** HAD LOST THEIR **MINDS**!

UNCLE **CHUCK**?

UNCLE CHUCK!!
SONNY BOY!

HOW ARE YOU **DOIN'**?!
HOW AM I **DOING**?

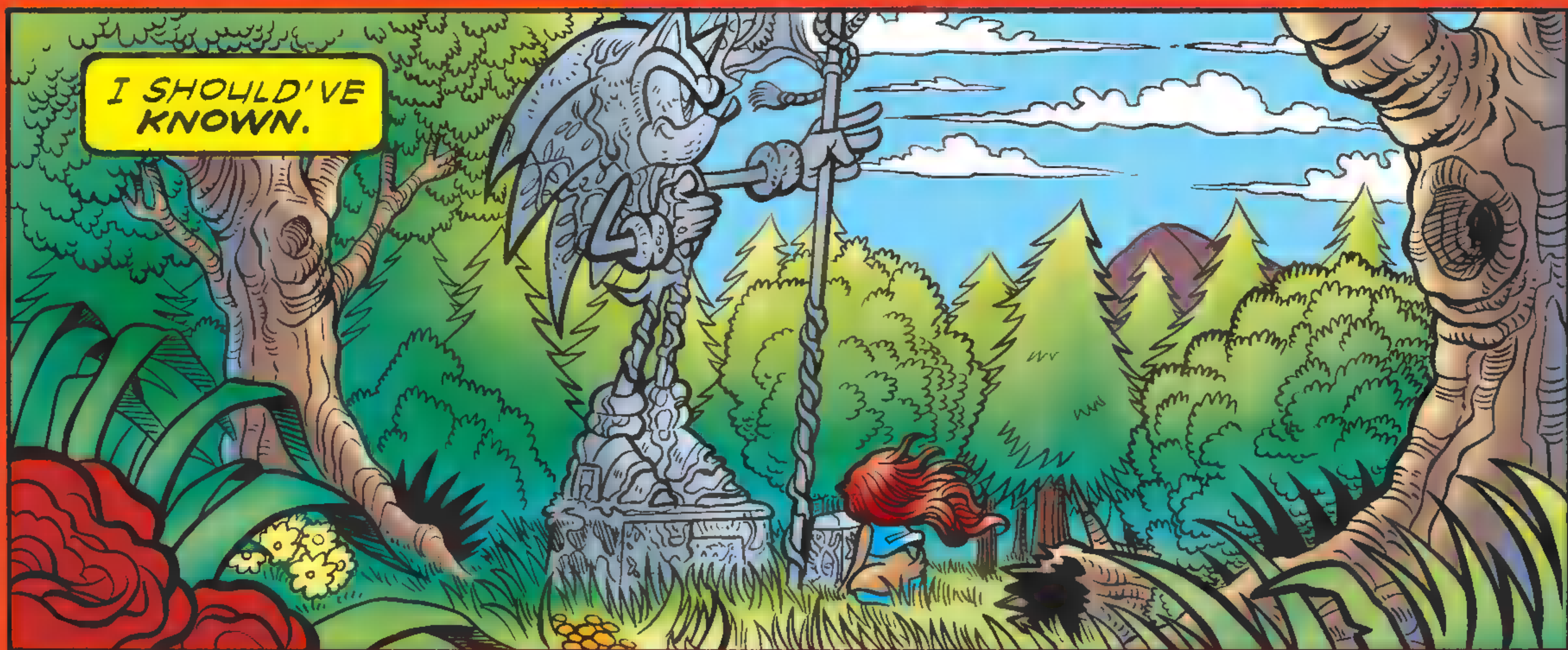
HOW AM I **DOING**?

NEVER FELT **BETTER** IN MY **LIFE**. WHERE'S **MOM** N' **DAD**?

I'LL **SEND** FOR THEM **AT ONCE**!

WHICH **BRINGS** ME TO MY **NEXT** BIG **QUESTION**...

...WHERE'S **SAL**?







LOOKS LIKE THE RUMORS ARE ON THE **MONEY**, BOYS!

AND GETTING **HOT** AND **HEAVY** WITH **PRINCESS SALLY ACORN** TO **BOOT**!

SONIC'S **BACK** FROM THE **GRAVE** AFTER ONE **WHOLE YEAR**!

SOUNDS LIKE **FRONT PAGE MATERIAL**, IF YOU **ASK ME**!

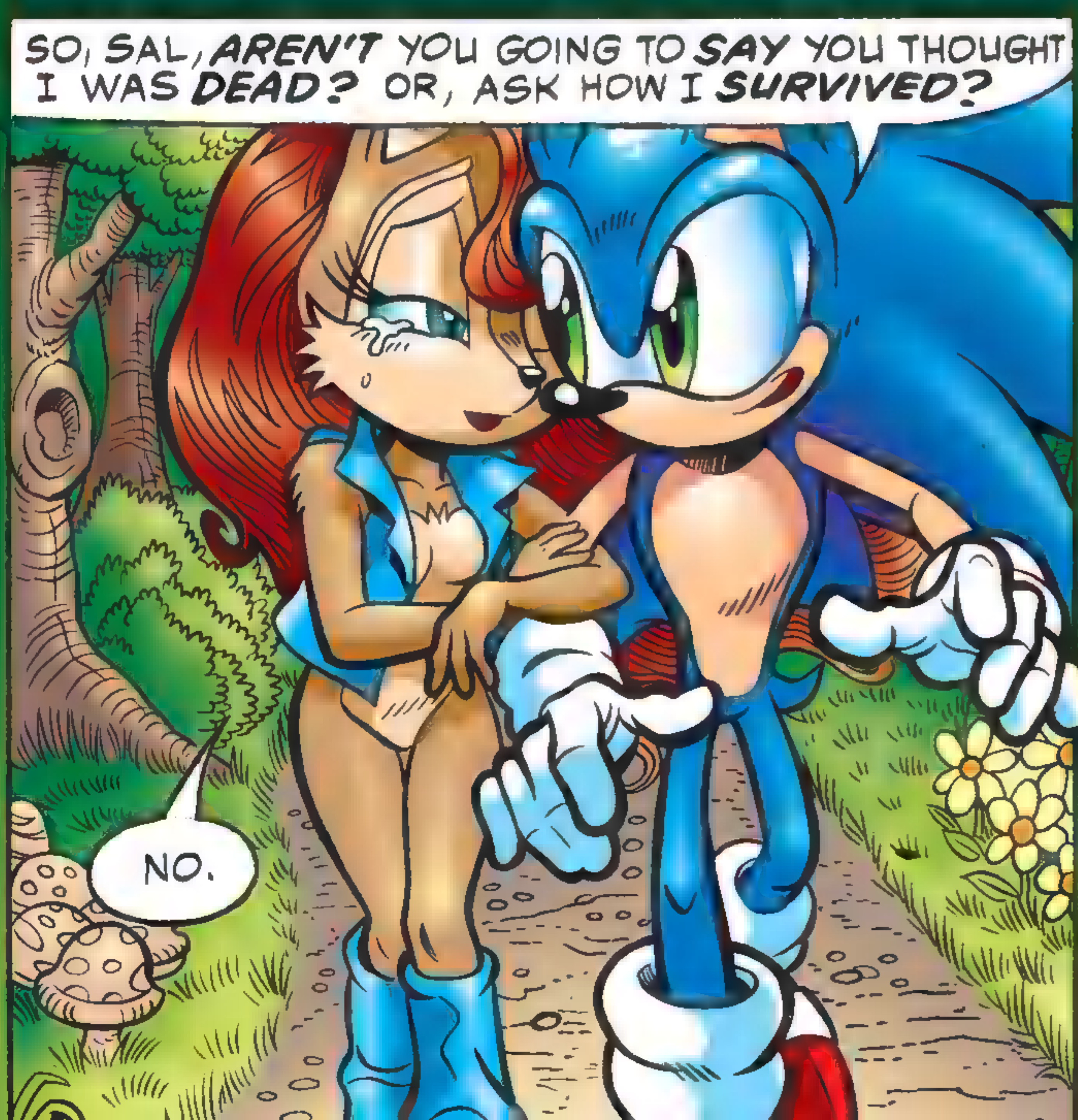


WHO--?

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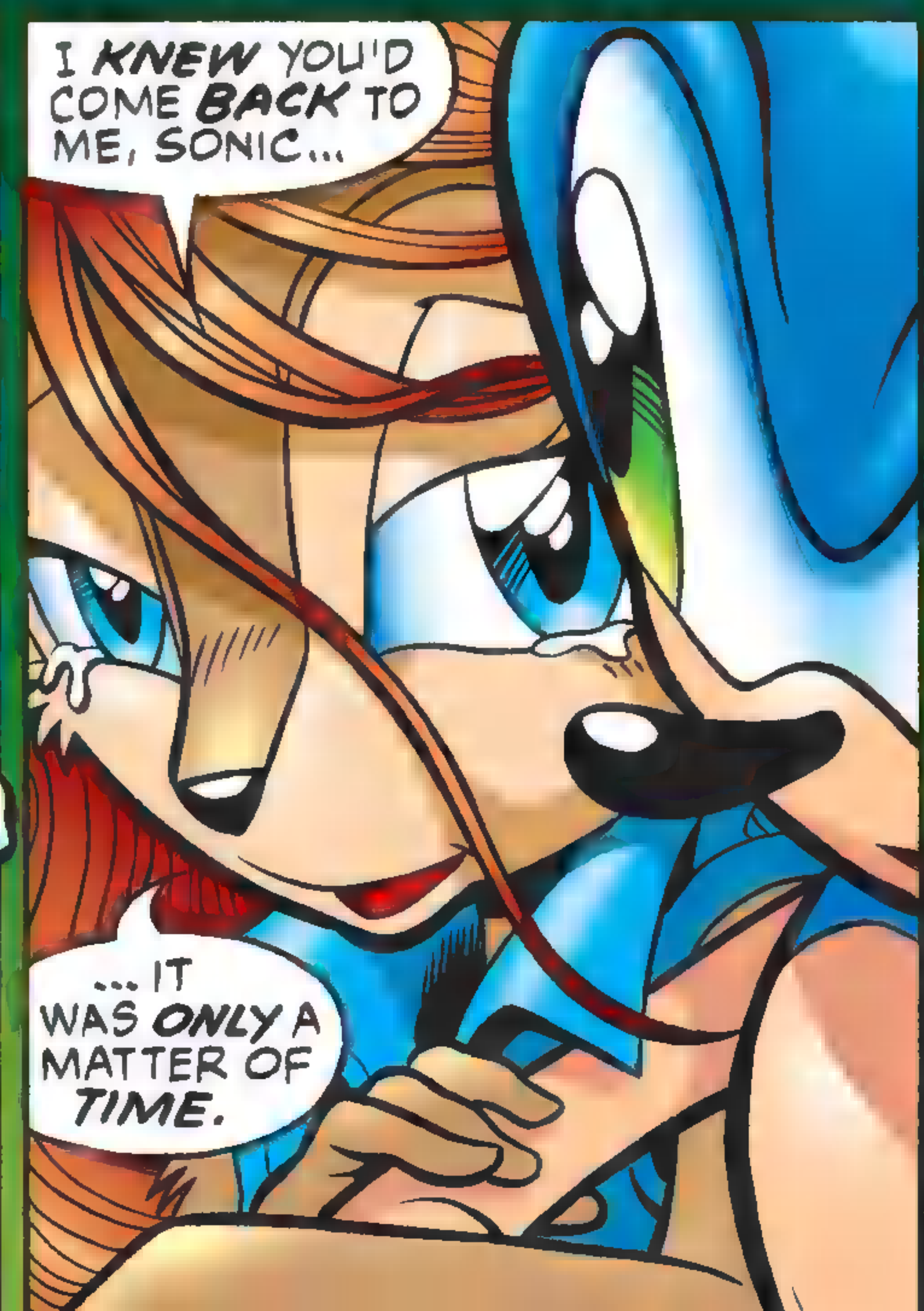
WOULD YOU **ALLOW** THE **ROYAL COUPLE** A **MOMENT OF PRIVACY**?

WHERE WERE YOU RAISED? IN A **KENNEL**?



SO, **SAL**, **AREN'T** YOU GOING TO **SAY** YOU THOUGHT I WAS **DEAD**? OR, **ASK** HOW I **SURVIVED**?

NO.



I **KNEW** YOU'D COME **BACK** TO ME, **SONIC**...

...IT WAS **ONLY** A **MATTER OF TIME**.

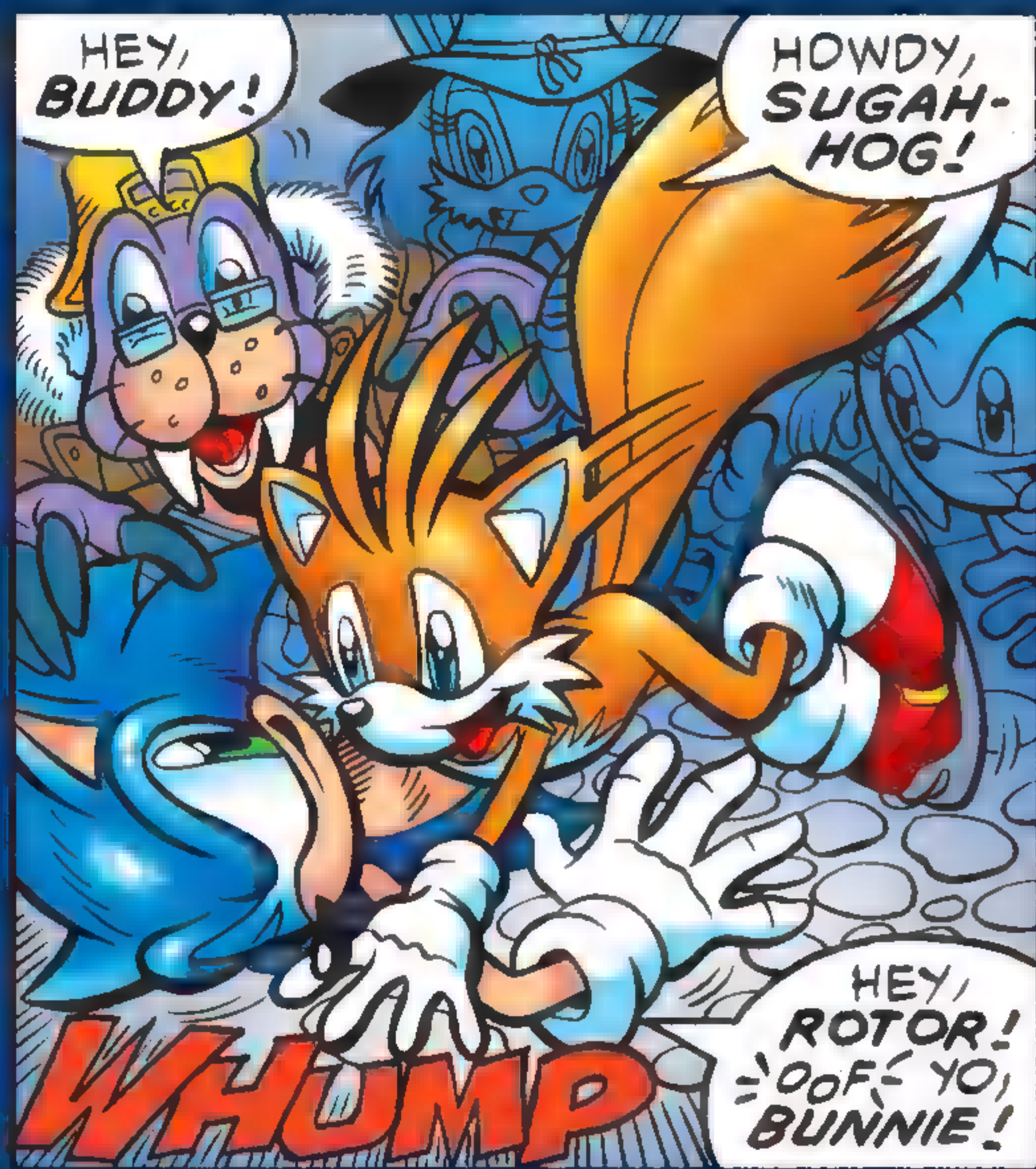


SONIC!! YOU'RE ALIVE!

IT'S TRUE!
IT'S TRUE!

TAILS!

AMY!



HEY,
BUDDY!

HOWDY,
SUGAH-
HOG!

HEY,
ROTOR!
OOFF- YO,
BUNNIE!



OH, JULES-- IT'S
A MIRACLE!

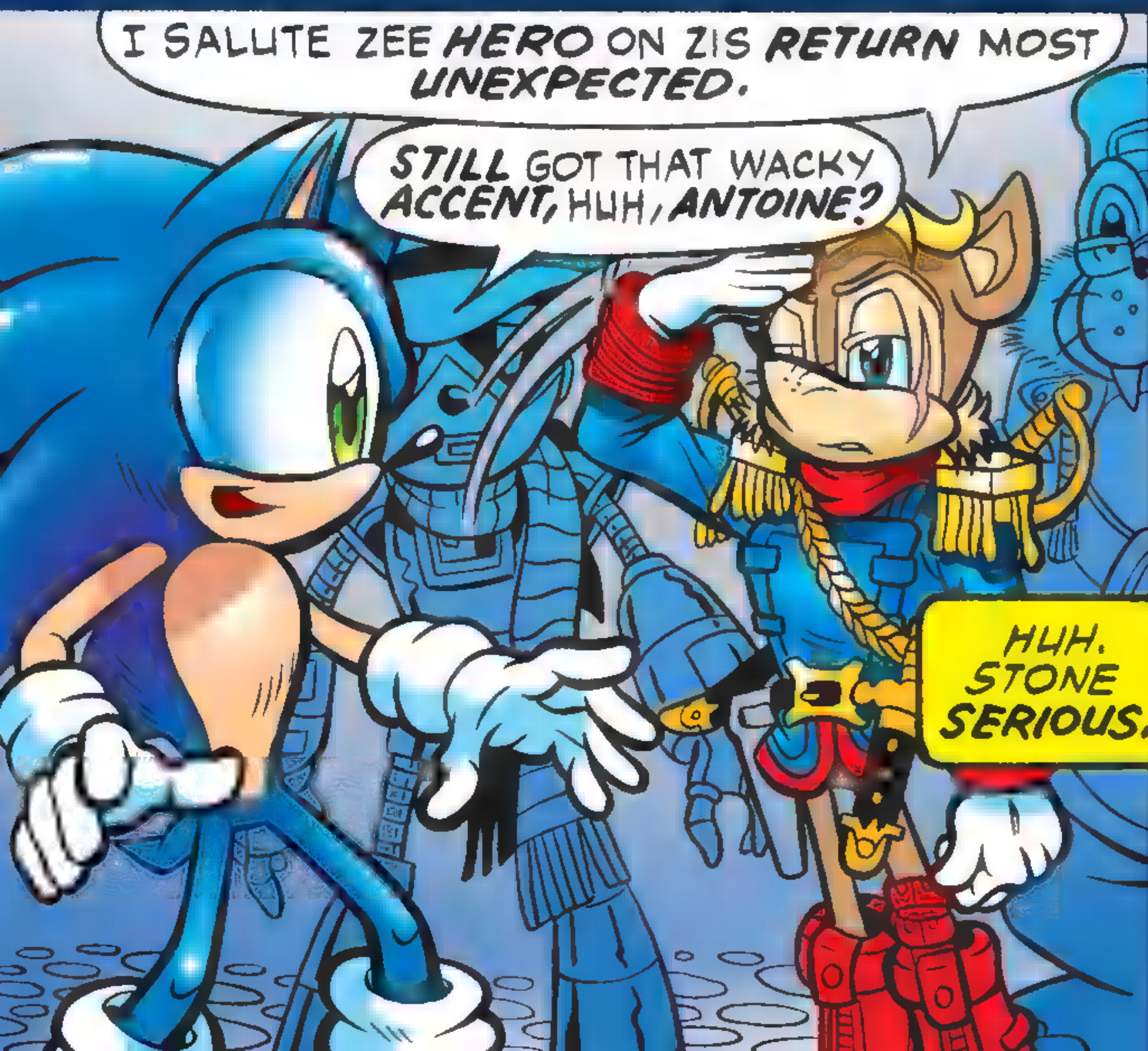
NEED
A
HAND,
SON?

PLUT 'ER
THERE,
POP!



OH, SONIC, WE'VE
MISSED YOU SO
MUCH!

I MISSED
YOU, TOO,
MOM!



I SALLUTE ZEE HERO ON ZIS RETURN MOST
UNEXPECTED.

STILL GOT THAT WACKY
ACCENT, HUH, ANTOINE?

HUH.
STONE
SERIOUS.



I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO
MAKE ANT SO GRIM N' GRITTY?

AND HOW'D HE GET THAT
WAY WICKED SCAR?

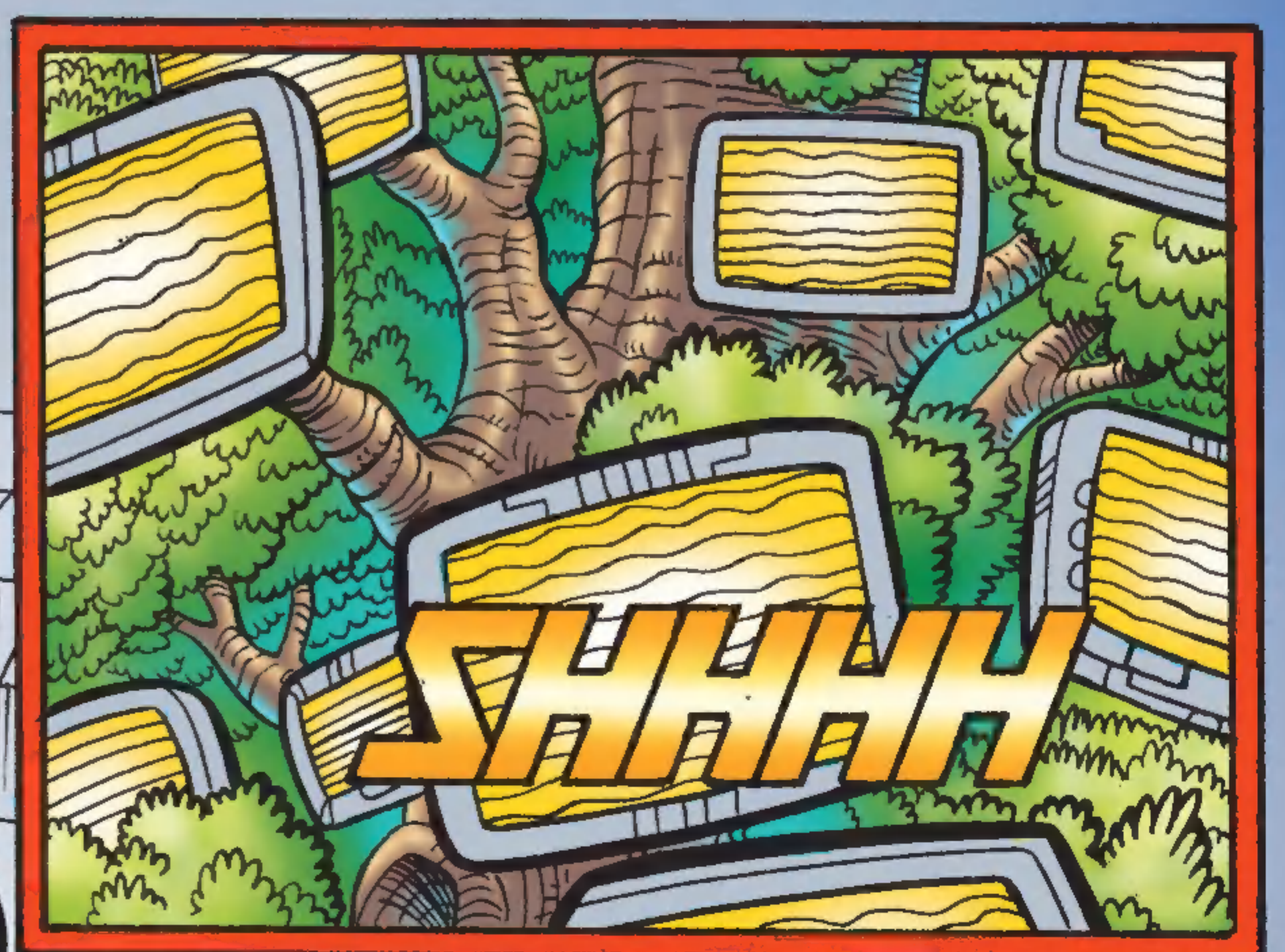
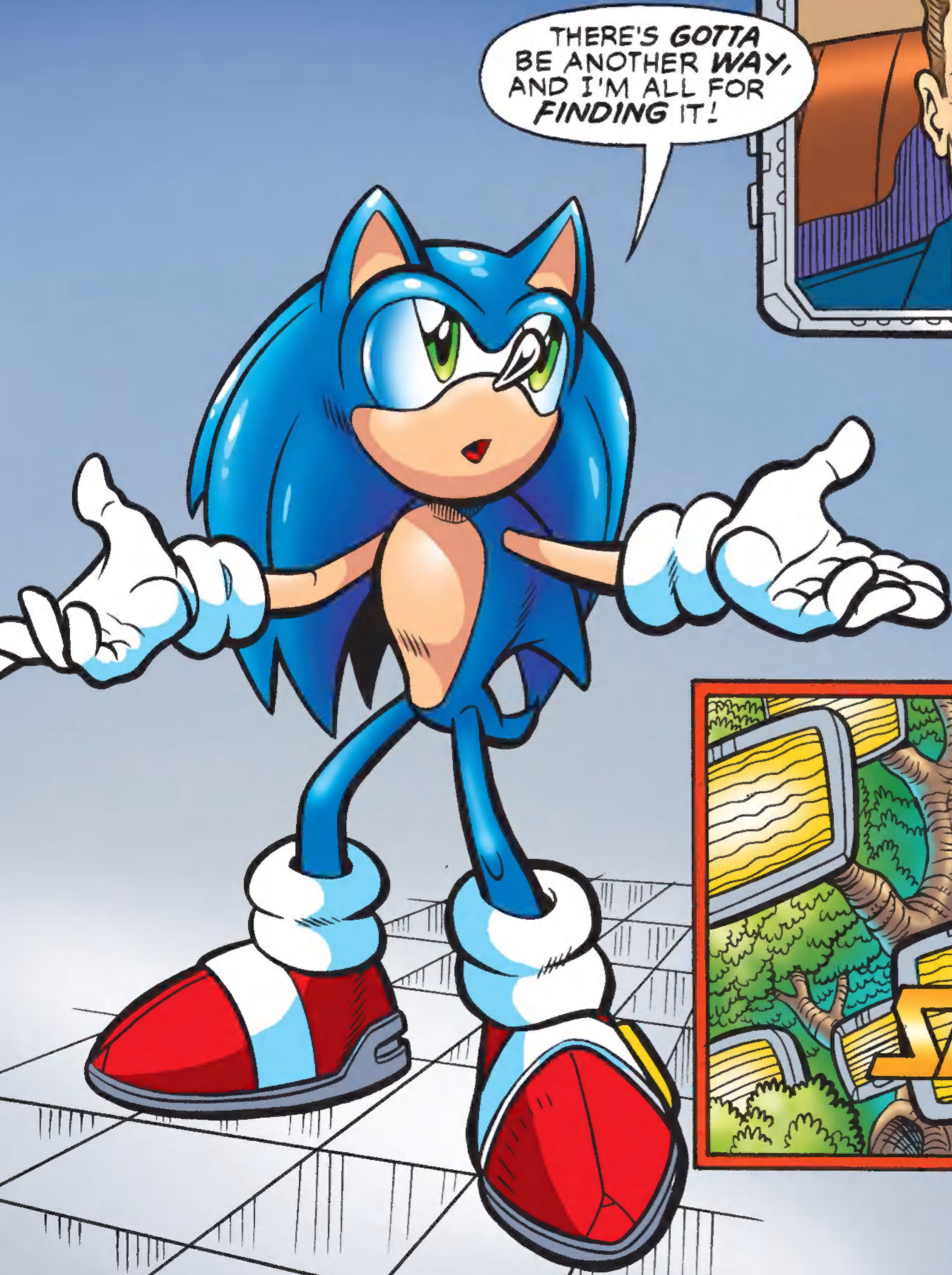
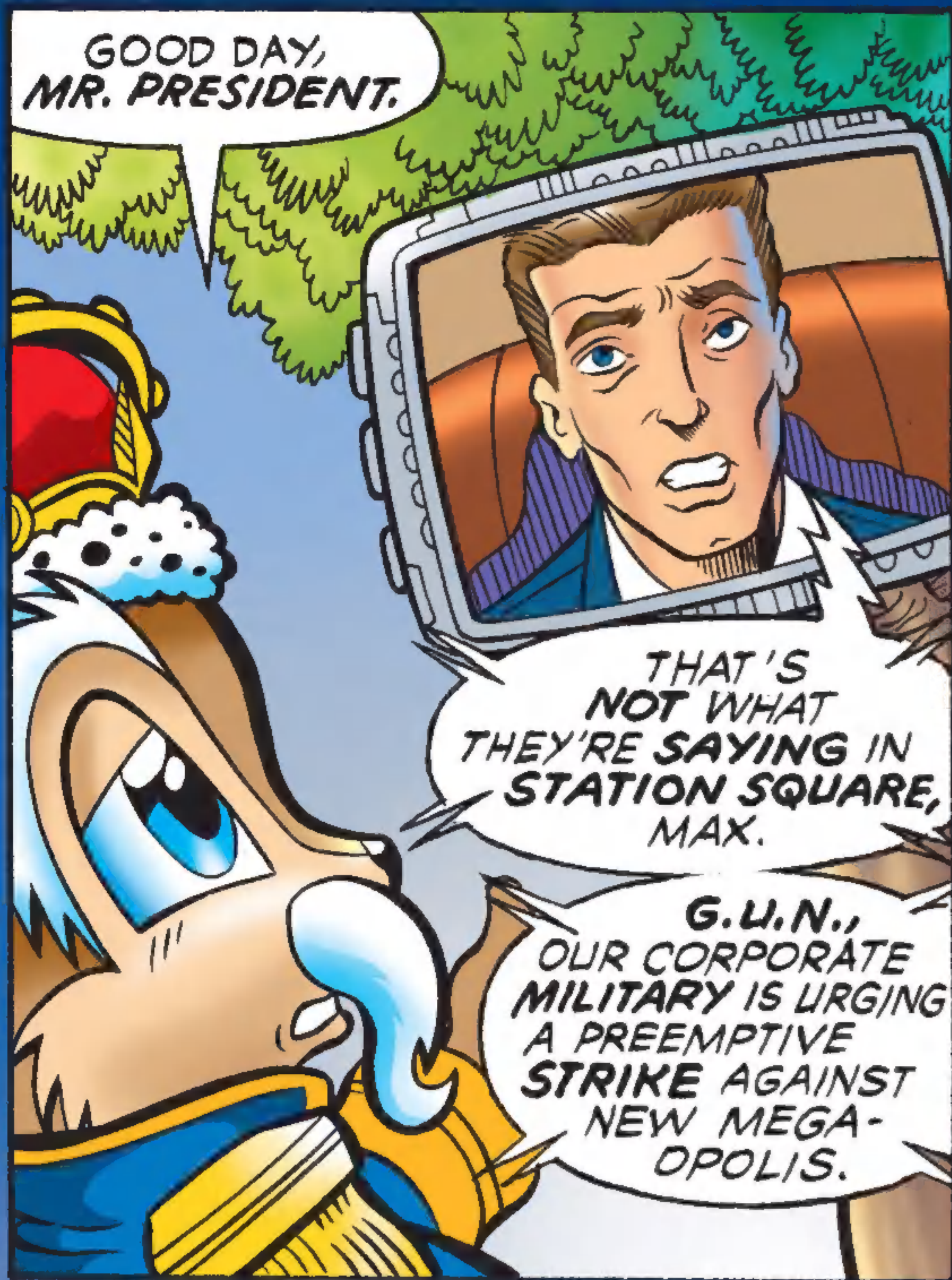
CASTLE ACORN— COMMAND CENTRAL

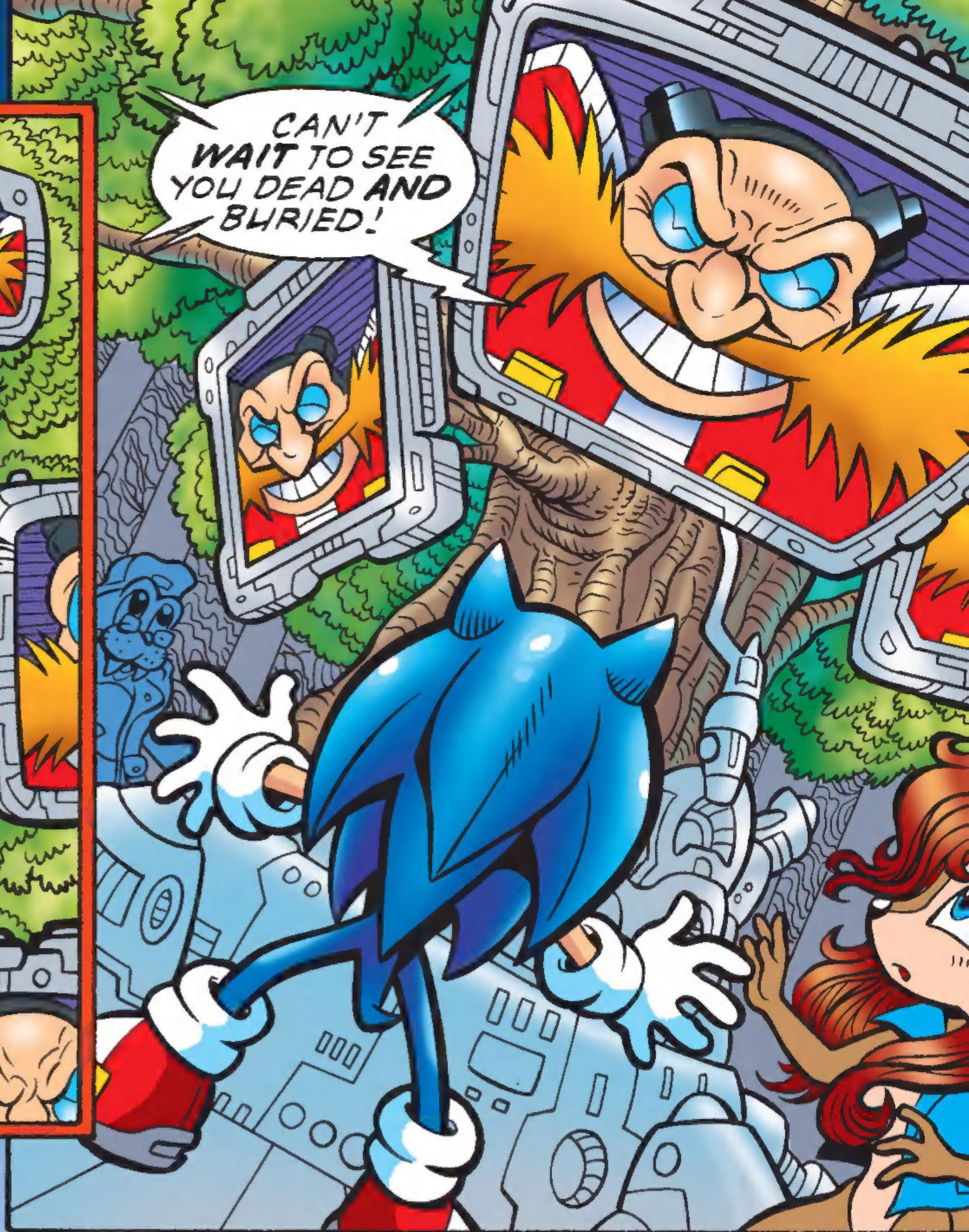
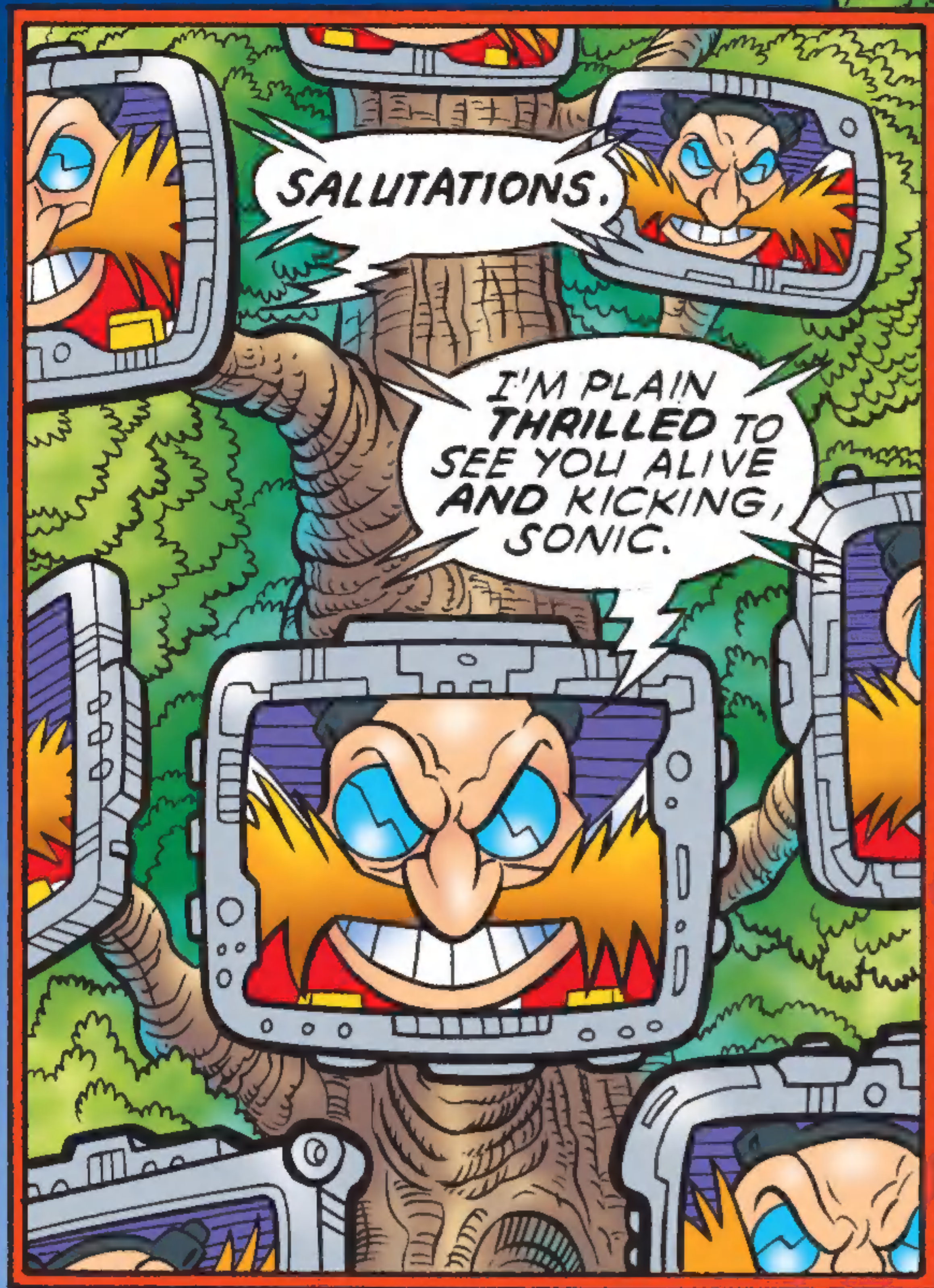


WHAT
THE
HECK
IS
THAT?

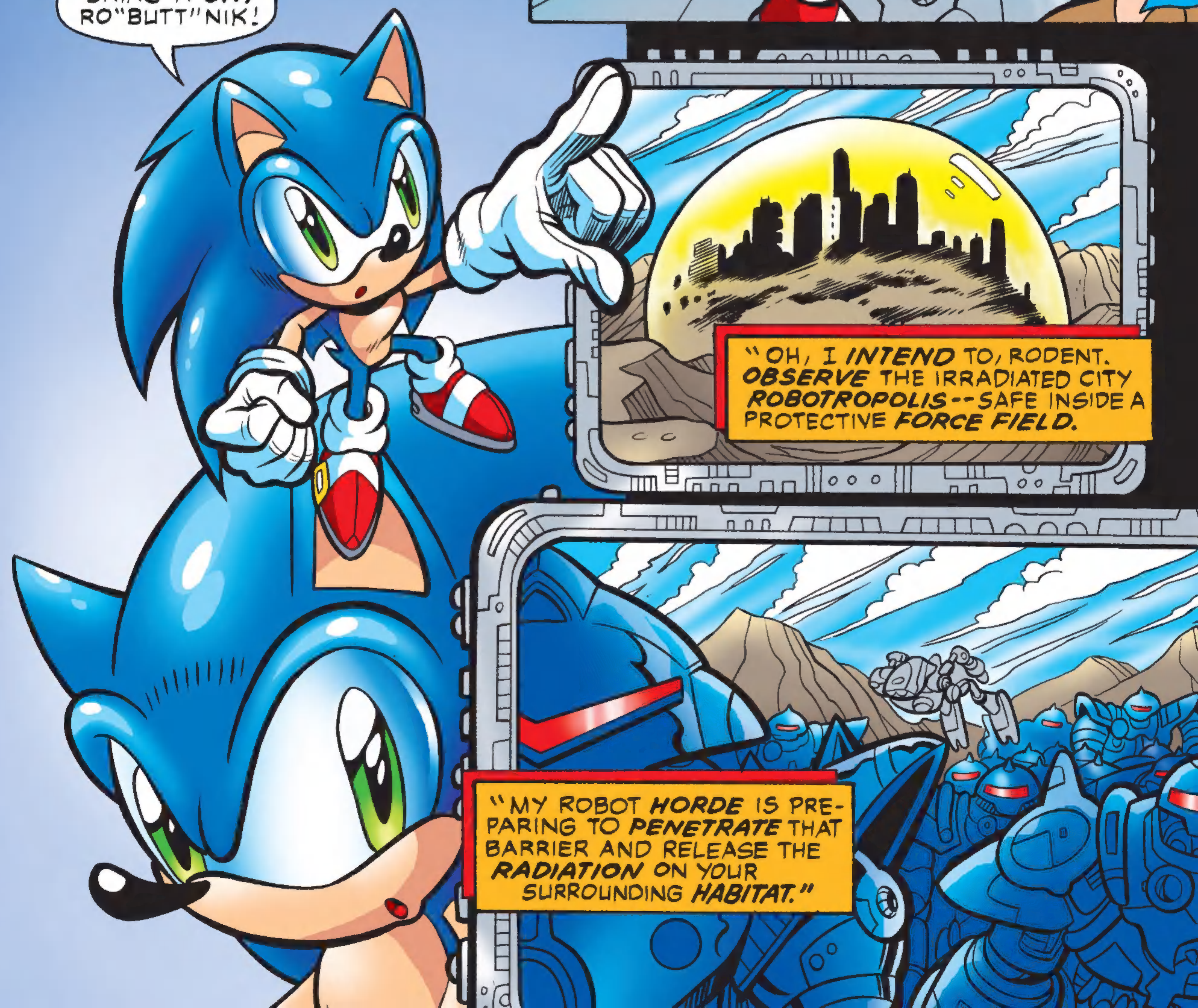
I CALL IT THE
"TECHNOLO-
TREE"--

--A TELECOMMUNICA-
TIONS PORT WITH SATELLITE
UPLINK--WE CAN INTERFACE
TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE
ON THE GLOBE!





BRING IT ON, RO"BLUTT"NIK!



OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR

BUT, WAIT
IT GETS
BETTER, RIGHT
BEHIND ME,
THERE ARE
TWO ATOMIC
WARHEAD
MISSILES!

ONE IS
AIMED AT KNOT-
HOLE CITY, THE
OTHER IS
TARGETING
STATION
SQUARE.

I CALL IT
OPERATION:
TRIPLE
THREAT!

CAN
YOU TACKLE
IT?

TO BE
CONTINUED!